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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2                   ON APRIL 10, 2007, BEGINS ON PAGE 93.]

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISORS, WE NOW HAVE A QUORUM.

7   WE'LL COME TO ORDER AND ASK EVERYONE TO STAND FOR THE

8   INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL

9   BE LED BY MINISTER NILAH HAGAN, DIVINE APPOINTMENT MINISTRY

10   FROM COMPTON AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY

11   HILARIO GONZALES, MEMBER OF THE FRANK C. MARPE, CHAPTER NUMBER

12   44 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES.

13   MINISTER HAGAN?

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15   **MINISTER NILAH HAGAN:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING AND I WANT TO

16   SAY TO MY ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU GUYS DO A

17   WONDERFUL JOB AND TODAY I JUST WANT TO ASK GOD TO ASK TO

18   CONTINUE TO BLESS AND GUIDE AND PROTECT OUR BOARD OF

19   SUPERVISORS FOR THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING FOR

20   L.A. COUNTY AND THEIR CONSTITUENCY AND LET US ALL JUST SAY TO

21   THAT SPIRIT WITHIN US THAT WE'RE ALL CREATED EQUAL WITH AND

22   THAT CONNECTS WITH OUR SPIRITUAL UMBILICAL CORD TO THE GREAT

23   CREATOR OF THE WORLD, GOD BLESS US ALL. GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS

24   THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR WONDERFUL WORKS AND I JUST

25   WANTED TO SAY THAT, WHICH CAME FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?



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1 NEITHER. GOD CAME FIRST AND EVERYTHING ELSE CAME AFTER. THANK  
2 YOU.

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4 **HILARIO GONZALES:** LET'S FACE THE FLAG, RAISE OUR HAND TO OUR  
5 HEART. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** MINISTER NILAH HAGAN OF DIVINE APPOINTMENT  
10 MINISTRY IN COMPTON AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH  
11 US. SHE RECEIVED HER CREDENTIALS IN MINISTRY FROM UNIVERSAL  
12 LIFE CHURCH IN MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, IN 2000. AS A LAY  
13 PREACHER, SHE STUDIED AND RESEARCHED VARIOUS RELIGIONS AND  
14 SPIRITUAL DOCTRINES FROM 1975 TO THE PRESENT, HAS A B.A. IN  
15 SPEECH COMMUNICATION THEORY FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
16 LONG BEACH. SHE'S WORKED FOR THE COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
17 SOCIAL SERVICES, FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS AND SHE'S STILL THERE,  
18 WORKING WITH US AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE HAVING YOU HERE WITH  
19 US TODAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY PLEASURE THIS MORNING TO MAKE  
24 A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO HILARIO  
25 GONZALES. MR. GONZALES IS A MEMBER OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE





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1 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE SERVED AS A SEAMAN IN THE  
2 UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 1972 TO 1973 IN VIETNAM. HIS  
3 DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE MEDAL OF GOOD CONDUCT, A NATIONAL  
4 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO  
5 STARS AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL AS WELL. MR.  
6 GONZALES ATTENDED RIO HIGH SCHOOL IN EL MONTE AND RIO HONDO  
7 COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HE PRESENTLY LIVES IN EL MONTE AND WE THANK  
8 YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [  
9 APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET'S CALL THE AGENDA.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE  
15 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND  
16 2-D. ON ITEM 1-D, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 17TH,  
19 2007.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO HOLD IT AND ASK  
22 A FEW QUESTIONS AND THEN WE'LL CONTINUE IT. I HAVE NO  
23 OBJECTION TO CONTINUING IT BUT I DO HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO DO WE HAVE 2-D BEFORE US?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I'M SORRY, CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOLINA MOVES, I'LL SECOND.

7 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
10 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 3-H. ON ITEM 1-H, SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM  
12 BE HELD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THEY'LL BE HELD. I MADE A  
15 MISTAKE. I WAS NOT GOING TO HOLD 1-D. I'M SORRY. IT WAS 1-H.  
16 SO MOLINA WILL MOVE, I'LL SECOND, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON 1-D AS  
17 WELL.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 1-D WAS BEING CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S  
22 THE MOTION, TO CONTINUE IT FOR ONE WEEK. I'LL GET MY ACT  
23 TOGETHER HERE.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND 1-H IS BEING HELD. AND 2-H AND 3-D ARE  
2 BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.  
5 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
8 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.  
11 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.  
14 ON ITEM 2, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
15 HOLD THIS ITEM AND, ON ITEM 3, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A  
16 MEMBER TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THOSE WILL BE HELD.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 7, AS INDICATED ON THE  
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS REVISED TO ADD THE  
22 WORDS "AND GROCER". AND ALSO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A  
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT WILL BE HELD.





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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, BURKE MOVES,  
6 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AUDITOR CONTROLLER, ITEM 14.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.  
11 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 15.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.  
16 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 16  
19 AND 17. ON ITEM 16, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,  
20 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 17TH,  
22 2007.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE  
25 THE ORDER.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 17 IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.  
5 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 21.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.  
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 22 THROUGH 25.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.  
15 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 26.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.  
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEM 27.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.  
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEALTH, ITEM 28.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.

5 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 29 THROUGH 53. ON ITEM

8 NUMBER 30, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE

9 HELD.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINDER IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOLINA MOVES,

16 BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 24, REGIONAL

19 PLANNING, ITEM 54.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON. ITEM 54, ANTONOVICH

22 MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 55 THROUGH 61.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.

2    UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 62 AND

5    63.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.

8    UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9

10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 64 THROUGH

11   68. AND, ON ITEM 68, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE

12   PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO THE REMAINDER ARE BEFORE

15   US?

16

17   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, I'LL SECOND.

20   UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

23   REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE

24   OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF



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1 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
2 ITEM 69-A.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL MOVE IT. MOLINA SECONDS.  
5 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 69-B.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL MOVE IT. ANTONOVICH SECONDS.  
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD WE GO BACK TO  
13 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM CS-2, ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
14 AGENDA, THERE WAS A REQUEST TO CONTINUE CS-2 ONE WEEK TO APRIL  
15 17TH, 2007.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE SURE NOW?

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CS-2.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL  
22 BE THE ORDER.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
3 DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR  
6 THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF TURKEY, WHO IS LEAVING US. HOW ARE YOU?  
7 GOOD TO SEE YOU. TODAY, WE ARE SAYING GOOD-BYE TO THE CONSUL-  
8 GENERAL OF TURKEY, THE HONORABLE ENGIN ANSAY, WHO HAS SERVED  
9 AS CONSUL-GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES SINCE APRIL OF 2003. CONSUL-  
10 GENERAL ANSAY HAS BEEN A VALUED MEMBER OF THE CONSULAR CORPS  
11 FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, LENDING HIS EXPERIENCE AS A HIGHLY  
12 RESPECTED SENIOR DIPLOMAT AND AMBASSADOR IN THE TURKISH  
13 FOREIGN SERVICE. CONSUL-GENERAL ANSAY, THANK YOU FOR WORKING  
14 CONTINUOUSLY TO STRENGTHEN AND NURTURE THE RELATIONSHIPS  
15 SHARED BY OUR TWO COUNTRIES. YOU REPRESENTED YOUR COUNTRY WELL  
16 AND I'M SURE THAT THE TURKISH COMMUNITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES --  
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY APPRECIATES ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE DURING  
18 YOUR TENURE. I WANT TO PRESENT YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE  
19 BOARD, WITH THIS PLAQUE, WHICH EXTENDS OUR BEST WISHES, OUR  
20 THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE HERE IN THE COUNTY AND OUR BEST WISHES  
21 IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AS YOU MOVE ONWARD AND UPWARD IN THE  
22 FOREIGN SERVICE AND IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE. CONGRATULATIONS AND  
23 WE'VE ENJOYED HAVING YOU HERE.

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25 **THE HONORABLE ENGIN ANSAY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]





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2   **THE HONORABLE ENGIN ANSAY:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY,  
3   DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU  
4   VERY MUCH. I HAD ALMOST 30 YEARS OF MY PUBLIC SERVICE OF 40  
5   YEARS IN THIS BLESSED COUNTRY OF YOURS BUT I MUST SAY, MY  
6   FAMILY AND I, WE HAVE PROFITED AND ENJOYED, HAD THE BEST YEARS  
7   OF OUR ADULT LIVES BUT THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WHEN I HAD THE  
8   HONOR OF SERVING IN CALIFORNIA AND 11 OTHER STATES AS THE  
9   CONSUL-GENERAL OF MY COUNTRY, WAS THE CROWNING POINT IN MY  
10   SERVICE. SO, ON BEHALF OF MY COUNTRY, ON BEHALF OF MY CONSULAR  
11   STAFF AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, I'D LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO  
12   THE GREAT PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA MY PROFOUND THANKS AND  
13   GRATITUDE AND WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR ENDEAVORS. THANK YOU  
14   VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16   **THE HONORABLE ENGIN ANSAY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP  
19   NEXT.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
22   RECOGNIZE BRYCE YOKOMIZO, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF  
23   PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES UPON HIS RETIREMENT, ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY  
24   GOING TO BE TEMPORARY BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THE  
25   JUNIOR DEPUTY C.A.O.'S RUNNING AROUND HERE IN HIS NIKE SUITS



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1 AND I TOLD HIM HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO GO OUT TO THE ANTELOPE  
2 VALLEY FOR THE FIRST FIELD OFFICE TO BE BUILT IN A HIGH-RISE  
3 BUILDING BUT, BESIDES THAT, BRYCE HAS SPENT 33 YEARS IN OUR  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. HE STARTED BACK IN 1974 AND THEN HE  
5 WENT ON A FAST TRACK WHERE HE WENT THROUGH 18 PROGRESSIVELY  
6 CHALLENGING ASSIGNMENTS, ENDING AS THE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR  
7 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN MARCH OF 2002.  
8 THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP, THEY HAVE REDUCED THE FOOD STAMP ERROR  
9 RATE TO THE LOWEST IT HAS EVER BEEN. FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS  
10 OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007, THERE IS A ZERO PERCENT ERROR  
11 RATE, WHICH IS AN INCREDIBLE FEAT AND WE APPRECIATE THAT  
12 LEADERSHIP. THEY'VE ALSO WORKED TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER  
13 AGENCIES. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THEIR LEAD ROLE IN ASSEMBLING  
14 THE SKID ROW OUTREACH TEAM, AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
15 SEVERAL WORTHWHILE PROGRAMS TO HELP THE HOMELESS, SUCH AS THE  
16 CALWORKS HOUSING LOCATOR, THE 12-MONTH RENTAL SUBSIDY AND THE  
17 GENERAL RELIEF HOUSING SUBSIDY AND CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT.  
18 KEEPING WITH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, THE IMPLEMENTED THE  
19 CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER ON JANUARY 16TH OF THIS YEAR. THIS  
20 CENTER WILL UTILIZE HIGHLY TRAINED REPRESENTATIVES WHO ADDRESS  
21 SPECIFIC CASE INQUIRIES AND ANSWER GENERAL QUESTIONS THROUGH A  
22 CENTRALIZED STATE-OF-THE-ART INFORMATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM.  
23 AND, IN KEEPING WITH THAT PHILOSOPHY OF PERFORMANCE-BASED  
24 MANAGEMENT, BRYCE HAS COMMITTED THE DEPARTMENT TO ACHIEVE THE  
25 GOALS OF WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE BY PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL



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1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS EMPLOYEES. THIS INCLUDES HELPING THOSE  
2 WITH THE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES, CREATION OF ON-SITE MASTER'S  
3 IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAM AND PERSONAL SUPPORT  
4 OF STAFF PARTICIPATION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS  
5 OFFERED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
6 RESOURCES AND THE SOUTHERN AREA CONSORTIUM OF HUMAN SERVICES.  
7 THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE TOP OF THE CHART FOR  
8 AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION IT ELECTS FOR CHARITABLE GIVINGS. AND,  
9 NOW AT THIS TIME, BRYCE, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU OUR ACADEMY  
10 AWARD, PLUS HE'S PROBABLY THE WITTIEST, MOST ENTERTAINING  
11 MASTER OF CEREMONIES, JOKESTER, A GOOD MAN AND WE APPRECIATE  
12 HIS LEADERSHIP BOTH AT THE BOARD, IN HIS CHURCH, IN HIS  
13 COMMUNITY AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO SEE HOW HE FARES AS A LITTLE  
14 DEPUTY C.A.O. RUNNING AROUND IN HIS NIKE SHOES SO BRYCE. [  
15 APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF YOU WOULD PERMIT ME, I'D LIKE TO  
18 SHARE A FEW WORDS. I KNOW THERE ARE MANY WHO DISCOVERED THE  
19 TALENT AND THE SKILL SET OF BRYCE YOKOMIZO BEFORE I DID BUT I  
20 REALLY HAD A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY IN WORKING WITH HIM WHEN  
21 WE WERE TAKEN ON MACLAREN AND IT WAS SUCH A WEB OF  
22 DISCONNECTED AND REALLY HURTING CHILDREN IN THE LONG RUN. I  
23 APPRECIATED HIS LEADERSHIP THEN. HE WAS OUTSTANDING, HE TOOK  
24 CONTROL, HE WAS ABLE TO PUT PEOPLE AND ORGANIZE FOLKS IN ORDER  
25 AND GET THEM TO DO THE JOBS THAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING AND



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1   HELPING CHILDREN EVERY SINGLE DAY. BUT I GUESS ALL OF US  
2   COLLECTIVELY RECOGNIZE HOW VERSATILE AND HOW TALENTED THIS MAN  
3   IS WHEN HE TOOK OVER D.P.S.S. AND IT CERTAINLY IS -- WE  
4   HAVEN'T WANTED HIM TO GO, I THINK ALL OF US HAVE ASKED HIM TO  
5   STAY, BUT HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO MOVE ON. WE'RE KIND OF  
6   PLEASED, THOUGH, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE BACK WORKING WITH US  
7   AT THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE. I THINK, AGAIN, YOUR TALENT, YOUR  
8   LEADERSHIP, YOUR ABILITY TO WORK WITH PEOPLE AND BRING THEM  
9   TOGETHER IS GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO ALL OF US AS WE  
10  UNDERTAKE THIS DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE. SO  
11  WHILE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU'RE RETIRING,  
12  WE'RE REALLY HAPPY THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE YOU AROUND AND GET  
13  TO ENJOY MUCH OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER THE COUNTY.  
14  CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'VE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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18  **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD HOW MUCH OUR OFFICE HAS  
19  ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU. IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL BECAUSE WE  
20  ALWAYS HAD THAT COMMUNICATION. WE WERE ALWAYS ABLE TO RAISE  
21  ISSUES THAT WE FELT WERE IMPORTANT AND HE WAS ALWAYS VERY  
22  SENSITIVE TO THEM. YOU WERE ALWAYS AWARE OF THE ISSUES IN OUR  
23  COMMUNITY AND IN THE SECOND DISTRICT AND REALIZED THAT  
24  SOMETIMES, DISPROPORTIONATELY, WE WERE AFFECTED THAN OTHER  
25  DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M GLAD YOU'RE



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1 STAYING, TOO. WE CAN'T LOSE YOU RIGHT NOW! I THINK WE HAVE TOO  
2 MANY ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING AND TOO MANY PROBLEMS AT THIS  
3 POINT THAT IT'S JUST BETTER THAT YOU'RE HERE AND WE HOPE THAT  
4 YOU'LL ALWAYS STAY AND KEEP COMMUNICATION WITH THE COUNTY OF  
5 LOS ANGELES BECAUSE WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK OVER ALL  
6 THESE YEARS IN MANY DIFFERENT CAPACITIES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT.  
7 BUT HAVE A WONDERFUL RETIREMENT, SUCH AS IT IS.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD, BRYCE, MY  
10 TWO CENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IS A BOOBY  
11 TRAPPED DEPARTMENT AND THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF ISSUES ON ANY  
12 GIVEN DAY THAT CAN BLOW UP IN THE BOARD'S FACE, IN THE  
13 DIRECTOR'S FACE AND OVER THE YEARS THAT ALL OF US HAVE WATCHED  
14 THE COUNTY, BOTH CLOSELY AND FROM A DISTANCE, D.P.S.S. HAD ITS  
15 DAY ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE NEWSPAPERS AND YOU HAVE-- YOU'VE  
16 KEPT D.P.S.S. OUT OF THE NEWSPAPERS AND HAVE KEPT THE FOCUS ON  
17 OUR CLIENTS, THE SEVERAL MILLION CLIENTS THAT DEPEND ON US FOR  
18 SO MUCH OF THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY ON IN OUR COUNTY AND YOU'VE  
19 DONE IT WITH A COOLNESS, AT LEAST AN OUTER COOLNESS, THAT  
20 DEFIES IMAGINATION AND I'VE ENJOYED JUST WATCHING, YOU'RE A  
21 PROFESSIONAL, YOU'RE A PRO AND ONE OF THE REAL GREAT ASSETS,  
22 UTILITY PLAYER FOR THE COUNTY, AS WE'RE FINDING OUT, BUT  
23 YOU'RE CERTAINLY SKILLED IN YOUR SKILLED POSITIONS LIKE NO ONE  
24 ELSE. I'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU, MY STAFF HAS, BOTH THOSE  
25 WHO ARE WITH ME AND THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD



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1 TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD. [ APPLAUSE  
2 ]

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4 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** I APPRECIATE ALL THE KIND WORDS, I APPRECIATE  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND ESPECIALLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
6 FOR THIS RECOGNITION. AS THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED, THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS OVERCOME AN AWFUL A  
8 LOT OF CHALLENGES IN RECENT YEARS AND IT REALLY WAS BECAUSE OF  
9 THE SUPPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS RECEIVED FROM THE  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT REALLY HAS MADE THAT POSSIBLE AND  
11 THERE HAVE BEEN SOME TIMES WHEN IT'S REQUIRED A LOT OF  
12 PATIENCE ON THE PART OF THE BOARD, ENCOURAGEMENT ON THE PART  
13 OF THE BOARD AND WE'VE ALWAYS RECEIVED THAT. YOU'VE STOOD BY  
14 THIS DEPARTMENT AND I HAVE A GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THAT. OF  
15 COURSE, THE WORK TRULY ISN'T DONE BY ME, IT'S DONE BY A LOT OF  
16 DEDICATED STAFF AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT I REALLY WANT TO-- THE  
17 POINT I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS MORNING IS THAT OUR SUCCESS REALLY  
18 IS BASED VERY MUCH UPON THE DEDICATED STAFF AND THE MANAGERS  
19 OF D.P.S.S. THEY'RE JUST SO DEDICATED AND WORK SO VERY, VERY  
20 HARD TO MAKE OUR DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE THE BEST THAT IT CAN  
21 BE, SO I JUST THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN AN ABSOLUTE  
22 PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS YOUR DEPARTMENT HEAD AND I THANK YOU  
23 AGAIN. MIKE'S REMINDING ME. I GOT TO MAKE SOME-- I APPRECIATE  
24 MY ASSISTANT DIRECTORS THAT ARE HERE AND, OF COURSE, MY WIFE,  
25 ROSIE, WHO HAS REALLY BEEN THE ONES WHO SEE-- SHE'S THE ONE





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1 WHO REALLY SEES WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE TO BE A DEPARTMENT HEAD  
2 BECAUSE SHE SEES ME AT HOME WHEN, AS ZEV SAYS, IT'S NOT ALWAYS  
3 THAT COOL WHEN I GET HOME IN THE EVENINGS. SO I REALLY  
4 APPRECIATE HER. SHE'S TRULY DONE THE HARD WORK. THANKS AGAIN.  
5 [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE SIAMESE LONG HAIR. HE'S  
8 ONLY SIX WEEKS OLD. HE'S CALLED SMOKEY AND LITTLE SMOKEY IS  
9 LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND, BRYCE, THIS IS PART OF THE GOING AWAY  
10 PACKAGE. [ LAUGHTER ]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANYWAY, LITTLE SMOKEY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME,  
13 SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT HIM, IT'S (562) 728-4644. AWWWW. SO  
14 PRETTY. YEAH. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM HONORED THIS MORNING-- I'M HONORED THIS  
21 MORNING TO PRESENT TO YOU AND TO WELCOME TO THE BOARD THE  
22 GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DECATHLON TEAM, WHO PLACED NINTH IN THE  
23 CALIFORNIA STATE DECATHLON WHICH WAS RECENTLY HELD HERE IN LOS  
24 ANGELES. THE STATEWIDE ACADEMIC DECATHLONS ARE VERY  
25 COMPETITIVE WITH OVER A HUNDRED SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING. THESE



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1 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WORK MANY HOURS TO PREPARE FOR THESE  
2 RIGOROUS EXERCISES. LAST YEAR, THE GARFIELD TEAM PLACED TENTH  
3 STATEWIDE. IT'S ONLY FITTING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECOGNITION. WE  
4 WISH TO CONGRATULATE THE DEDICATED TEAM MEMBERS AS THE SCHOOL  
5 CONTINUES TO IMPROVE YEAR AFTER YEAR AND AMASS NATIONAL  
6 RECOGNITION. IN FACT, THE TEAM IS CURRENTLY RANKED 17TH  
7 NATIONWIDE AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM. ALSO, THE INDIVIDUAL  
8 TEAM MEMBERS PLACED HIGHLY IN VARIOUS COMPETITIVE AREAS,  
9 INCLUDING ONE FIRST PLACE FINISH. FOR EXAMPLE, IAN ONDA  
10 HUMEL'S SCORE WAS 8,977.6 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 10,000 POINTS IN  
11 THE STATE DECATHLON. THAT MAKES IAN NUMBER ONE IN THE STATE OF  
12 CALIFORNIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WITH MANY OF THE STATE DECATHLON CONFERENCES,  
15 GARFIELD TEAM MEMBERS RANKED FOURTH IN THEIR OWN CONFERENCE  
16 GROUP. OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES, THE GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
17 SCHOLARS HAVE ACHIEVED AN IMPRESSIVE RANKING OVER 18 TIMES.  
18 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE SO VERY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE  
19 GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON, THE MIGHTY BULLDOGS  
20 AS THEY LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED, WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR  
21 COMMUNITY IN THE EAST L.A. SO VERY PROUD. I REMEMBER WHEN WERE  
22 MANY WHO WEREN'T AS PROUD TO COME FROM EAST L.A. AS THEY  
23 SHOULD HAVE BEEN BUT GARFIELD IS ONE OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS  
24 THAT, THROUGH THE YEARS, HAS IMPROVED AND DONE SO VERY WELL.  
25 I'D LIKE TO FIRST OF ALL MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE GARFIELD



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1 HIGH SCHOOL. THEY ARE JOINED, BY THE WAY, I'VE GOT TO POINT  
2 THAT OUT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DO IT ALL BY THEMSELVES. THEY HAD  
3 WONDERFUL COACHES AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE THEM. THE DECATHLON  
4 COACHES INCLUDE JOHN BENNETT, LUCY ROMERO, ZOE SOCILAS FOLEY,  
5 IS SHE HERE? OH, BUT SHE'S ALSO ONE OF THEM. ELSA SAPIEN, ANDY  
6 DAVIS AND KEVIN MURCHY. THESE ARE THE GREAT COACHES, THE  
7 TEACHER WHO LED THIS TEAM ON TO VICTORY. WHY DON'T YOU COME UP  
8 AND I WOULD LIKE-- WHO'S GOING TO SHARE SOMETHING WITH US?  
9 WOULD YOU LIKE TO START? GO AHEAD.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
12 AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO RECOGNIZE US. IT'S NICE TO BE FROM  
13 GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND TO BE RECOGNIZED. WE WORK VERY HARD,  
14 WE WORK AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 7:00 EVERY NIGHT, WE WORK ON  
15 SATURDAYS, AND THESE KIDS IN BACK OF ME HAVE GIVEN UP A BIG  
16 PART OF THEIR LIVES OVER THE LAST YEAR TO DO WHAT THEY'VE BEEN  
17 ABLE TO DO, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE  
18 RECOGNIZED BY YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND VERY DESERVING. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GOING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE TO EACH OF  
23 THEM. I HOPE THEY'RE ALL HERE. NOT ALL OF THEM COULD BE HERE.  
24 FIRST OF ALL, ELIAS VELTRANE. CONGRATULATIONS, ELIAS. [  
25 APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** TAKE A PICTURE. OF COURSE WE HAVE IAN, FIRST  
3 PLACE WINNER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN WE HAVE LAURA POIRAS. LAURA? [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN WE HAVE JOSEPH MENESES. JOSEPH? [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** FOLLOWED BY VICTOR MONTECINOS. VICTOR? [ APPLAUSE  
10 ]

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. CARMEN VASSO. CARMEN? [ APPLAUSE ] [  
13 LAUGHTER ]

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** GREGORY RAMPIO. GREGORY? [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** LEE VALENCIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** LEESET VAHALA. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND AS FAR AS I HAVE THEM ALSO FOR THE TWO  
22 COACHES, JOHN BENNETT, CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN ONE FOR LUCY AS WELL. LUCY ROMERO.  
25 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE GOING TO DO A GROUP SHOT. WOULD YOU JOIN ME  
3 IN THANKING ALL OF THEM. THEY DID SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB. [  
4 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. YOU MAKE US VERY PROUD. THANK  
7 YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GLORIA, YOU DONE?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I'M FINISHED. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'M  
14 SORRY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN,  
17 MARGARET DONLAN TODD. DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 15TH THROUGH  
18 THE 21ST, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE  
19 LIBRARY PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC WILL CELEBRATE NATIONAL  
20 LIBRARY WEEK. OUR NATION'S LIBRARIES ARE TRULY A NATIONAL  
21 TREASURE AND I'M PLEASED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC  
22 LIBRARY WORKS WITH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AS WELL  
23 AS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, PROVIDING ACCESS TO CULTURE,  
24 LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS, I DECLARE APRIL 15TH THROUGH THE 21ST AS NATIONAL



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1 LIBRARY WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND URGE THE PUBLIC  
2 TO VISIT THEIR LIBRARY, GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY, EXPLORE THE  
3 MATERIALS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SERVICES THAT THE  
4 COMMUNITY LIBRARY OFFERS, NOT ONLY DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY  
5 WEEK BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT  
6 THIS TO OUR LIBRARIAN. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **MARGARET DONLAN TODD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. I WANT TO  
9 THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR VERY STRONG SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC  
10 LIBRARY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE, IF  
11 YOU AREN'T CURRENTLY USING THE LIBRARY, TO GET TO THE LIBRARY  
12 OR TO GO ONLINE AND LOOK AT THE SERVICES THAT WE ALSO OFFER  
13 ONLINE. WE'RE PARTICULARLY PROUD THIS YEAR OF OUR LIVE  
14 HOMEWORK HELP FOR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILY LITERACY, OUR EMERGENT  
15 LITERACY FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN. SO COME INTO YOUR LIBRARY,  
16 IT'S-- PROBABLY, IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE IN AWHILE, YOU  
17 WON'T RECOGNIZE ALL THE WONDERFUL CHANGES.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NOW WE'RE REALLY GOING TO HAVE  
20 A VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME  
21 BACKGROUND THEN I'M GOING TO GO DOWN TO MAKE THIS  
22 PRESENTATION. TOMMIE WALL, BORN IN 1903, CELEBRATED HIS 104TH  
23 BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 30TH. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** HE'S THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE CHILDREN AND THE ONLY  
2   BOY. HE SETTLED HERE IN CALIFORNIA WITH HIS WIFE AND SIX  
3   CHILDREN IN THE LATE '50S FROM ARKANSAS. HE HAS 16  
4   GRANDCHILDREN, 35 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND 18 GREAT, GREAT-  
5   GRANDCHILDREN. HE COULD POSSIBLY BE THE LONGEST LIVING  
6   AFRICAN-AMERICAN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S WITH GREAT  
7   PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL AND I'M GOING TO GO DOWN  
8   AND PRESENT IT TO HIM ON HIS 104TH BIRTHDAY. WE AREN'T GOING  
9   TO ASK HIM TO COME UP HERE. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WISH MR. WALL,  
10   TOMMIE WALL, A VERY, VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY. BORN IN CLARENDON,  
11   ARKANSAS MARCH 30TH, 1903 AND MANY, MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO YOU.

12   [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14   **SPEAKER:** HI, ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY, WE'D LIKE TO THANK  
15   SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CELEBRATING  
16   AND RECOGNIZING OUR GRANDFATHER, TOMMIE WALL, AND HE IS A  
17   BELOVED FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE, GREAT GRANDFATHER AND  
18   MANY, MANY LOVED ONES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO GOD BE THE  
19   GLORY.

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PHOTO. I'M IN  
22   YOUR WAY. LET ME JUST GET RIGHT HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND  
23   MANY MORE RETURNS.

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25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'D LIKE TO CALL FORTH MARGARET DUALLY, PROP 36  
3 COORDINATOR FOR DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE AND PROP 36 GRADUATES. [  
4 WHISTLES ] [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** OVER 18,000 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND ARE ON THE  
8 ROAD TO LONG-TERM RECOVERY THANKS TO THE TREATMENT THEY'VE  
9 RECEIVED UNDER PROPOSITION 36, THE 6-YEAR-OLD VOTER ENACTED  
10 TREATMENT INSTEAD OF INCARCERATION LAW. THESE GRADUATES ARE  
11 PROOF THAT ADDICTION IS TREATABLE AND THAT LONG-TERM RECOVERY  
12 FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION RESTORES HOPE, REBUILDS LIVES  
13 AND REBUILDS FAMILIES. BY CHOOSING TREATMENT INSTEAD OF JAIL  
14 TIME, THE GRADUATES HAVE HELPED TO SAVE STATE TAXPAYERS AT  
15 LEAST \$850 MILLION IN JUST 5 YEARS. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS... [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ...I PROCLAIM APRIL 8TH, 2007, AS PROP 36  
19 GRADUATES DAY AND CALL UPON RESIDENTS TO PROMOTE THE BENEFITS  
20 OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAMS. I'M GOING TO ASK THE  
21 GRADUATES TO STAND. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF THE PROGRAM. [  
24 APPLAUSE ] [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** MAYBE WE SHOULD GET A PICTURE FIRST, THEN YOU CAN  
2   SAY SOMETHING, THEN WE'LL GET A PICTURE WITH EVERYBODY.

3

4   **MARGARET DUALLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FOR THIS  
5   RECOGNITION. IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT, AFTER ALL THE HARD WORK  
6   OF THESE GRADUATES, THAT THEY BE RECOGNIZED. 18,000 PEOPLE IN  
7   THE COUNTY HAVE GRADUATED FROM PROP 36 AND GONE ON TO BE MORE  
8   PRODUCTIVE, HAPPIER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HERE AND BETTER  
9   MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN FAMILIES. THEY-- ALONE, THE 18,000 IN  
10   L.A. COUNTY HAVE SAVED OVER \$51 MILLION SO THIS IS A PROGRAM  
11   THAT SAVES LIVES AND SAVES MONEY. WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE? THANK  
12   YOU. WE HAVE SEVERAL GRADUATES BEHIND ME AND NORMA JEAN SCOTT,  
13   ONE OF OUR MOST AMAZING L.A. COUNTY GRADUATES, HAS A FEW WORDS  
14   TO SHARE WITH HER STORY.

15

16   **NORMA JEAN SCOTT:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NORMA JEAN AND I'VE  
17   BEEN IN RECOVERY SINCE JULY 17, 2005. I HAVE 21 MONTHS CLEAN  
18   AND SOBER. [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **NORMA JEAN SCOTT:** THANK YOU. ON JUNE 21ST, 2005, I WAS  
21   REFERRED TO CHOICES FOR PROPOSITION 36 SERVICES. I BECAME  
22   CLEAN AND SOBER, MOVED OUT OF HOMELESSNESS TO URDC'S  
23   TRANSITIONAL LIVING FACILITY AND STARTED TAKING CARE OF MY  
24   PHYSICAL HEALTH THAT I HAD NEGLECTED FOR DECADES THROUGH THE  
25   BILL MOORE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC. ON NOVEMBER 23RD, 2005, I



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1 QUIT SMOKING CIGARETTES. I'M LEARNING TO GIVE BACK TO THE  
2 COMMUNITY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **NORMA JEAN SCOTT:** THE 12-STEP TEACHES US TO GIVE BACK TO THE  
5 COMMUNITY AND I'M INVOLVED IN THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
6 RELAY FOR LIFE IN PASADENA. MY VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITY IS  
7 THAT OF TEAM DEVELOPMENT CHAIR. I AM A STUDENT AND I'VE  
8 RECENTLY COMPLETED MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY AND FRONT OFFICE  
9 PROCEDURES AND I AM NOW DOING BILLING AND CODING. I'M WORKING  
10 TOWARDS MY DEGREE IN BILLING AND CODING AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
11 THANK CHOICES, CASA MARIA AND THE BILLMORE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
12 CLINIC FOR STANDING BY ME AND HELPING ME GROW. AND I WOULD  
13 ALSO LIKE TO THANK PROPOSITION 36 AND COMMISSIONER SERIO OUT  
14 OF PASADENA COURT FOR... [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **NORMA JEAN SCOTT:** ...UNDERSTANDING THAT JAIL DOESN'T WORK AND  
17 TREATMENT IS POSSIBLE. AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
18 FOR RECOGNIZING PROPOSITION 36 AS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAN  
19 JAIL. AND, AS A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY, I WILL BE ABLE  
20 TO PAY BACK THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES AND THE STATE OF  
21 CALIFORNIA THE MONEY SPENT TO GIVE ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE  
22 MY LIFE. THANK YOU FOR NOT SENDING ME TO PRISON FOR EIGHT  
23 YEARS. [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

24



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1   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YOU ARE A GREAT SOURCE OF HOPE AND  
2   INSPIRATION FOR EVERYBODY THAT HAS A DRUG-RELATED PROBLEM AND  
3   WHAT WE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES IS TO SUPPORT YOU ON YOUR  
4   IMPORTANT PATH TOWARDS LIFELONG SOBRIETY AND THAT INCLUDES  
5   EMPLOYERS AS YOU LOOK FOR JOBS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY  
6   UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE ON A PATH THAT CAN REALLY BE HELPFUL TO  
7   SOCIETY AS WELL AS TO YOURSELF. SO, AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS AND  
8   KEEP UP THE WONDERFUL WORK AND LET'S REMEMBER, THIS IS A  
9   CHRONIC PROBLEM, IT TAKES FIGHTING EVERY DAY AND YOU'RE LIVING  
10  PROOF THAT YOU CAN WIN. [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

11

12  **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

13

14  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE AGENDA NOW  
15  BEFORE US. MS. BURKE, YOU'RE UP FIRST. OH, FOURTH DISTRICT IS  
16  UP FIRST. I'M SORRY. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION TO READ ON  
17  BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR KNABE. MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE  
18  MEMORY OF VERA GAMBOA, MOTHER OF ROSALIE DURAN, WHO PASSED  
19  AWAY ON FRIDAY. VERA WAS LOVED DEARLY BY JOE AND ROSALIE AND  
20  WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE THAT KNEW HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY A  
21  NUMBER OF RELATIVES AND UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THAT. SUPERVISOR  
22  ANTONOVICH.

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24  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING  
25  ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. BURT TOPPER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78.



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1 HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND, A SUPPORTER OF MINE. HE WAS A FILM  
2 DIRECTOR/PRODUCER. HE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 10TH. HE WAS BORN  
3 IN NEW YORK IN 1928. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND, ACCORDING TO  
4 THE ALL MOVIE GUIDE, HE WAS ONE OF THE GREAT NEAR GENIUSES FOR  
5 HIS ABILITY TO PRODUCE LOW BUDGET MOTION PICTURES. DURING  
6 WORLD WAR II, HE DID SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN THE  
7 PACIFIC. FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN, FLOYD WAKEFIELD, PASSED AWAY AT  
8 THE AGE OF 87. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, RUTH, OF 67 YEARS AND HIS  
9 DAUGHTERS, MARY AND JOAN. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED. HE WAS A  
10 SMALL BUSINESSMAN, HAD A ATHLETIC STORE, SPORTING GOODS STORES  
11 IN THE CITY OF SOUTHGATE WHEN HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA  
12 STATE LEGISLATURE. HE WAS A REPUBLICAN AND HE WAS ELECTED IN A  
13 REGISTRATION OF ABOUT 23%, WHICH WAS COMPARABLE TO FORMER  
14 ASSEMBLYMAN PAUL BENAI, WHO WAS THE FIRST NISEI ELECTED TO THE  
15 CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE WHO REPRESENTED GARDENA AND HE  
16 WAS ALSO ELECTED IN AN AREA THAT HAD A 23% REPUBLICAN  
17 REGISTRATION YET THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR EFFORTS. HE  
18 WORKED WITH HOWARD JARVIS AND THE FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE  
19 DUKMACHIAN ON MANY POLICY ISSUES. CHARLES CROSBY, A SENIOR  
20 PASTOR OF THE NEW LIFE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE IN LANCASTER  
21 PASSED AWAY. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LANCASTER  
22 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AS A PROFESSOR. PASTOR CROSBY TAUGHT URBAN  
23 MINISTRY, HE TRAINED CLERGY AT THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS AND  
24 PUBLISHED WRITINGS ON CHRIST-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY AND STUDIED  
25 AS-- HE WAS A DOCTORATE CANDIDATE AT FULLER THEOLOGICAL





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1 SEMINARY WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE SERVED AS A UNITED STATES  
2 NAVY CHAPLAIN COMMANDER IN LONG BEACH AND ESTABLISHED THE  
3 EARTHEN VESSEL MINISTRY TO HELP PEOPLE FROM DYSFUNCTIONAL AND  
4 ABUSIVE HOMES. PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 31ST. DEPUTY SHERIFF  
5 DONALD SHELLY, HE HAD RETIRED IN 1996 AND HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT  
6 WAS AT THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. JULIUS YALE LIBOW, HE WAS  
7 THE LAST OF CALIFORNIA'S NON-LAW SCHOOL TRAINED JUVENILE COURT  
8 REFEREES. HE WAS LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE IN THE UNITED STATES  
9 NAVY, A BERKELEY SOCIOLOGY GRADUATE, PROBATION OFFICER AND  
10 U.C.L.A. LAW PROFESSOR. HE NEVER ATTENDED LAW SCHOOL BUT HE  
11 TAUGHT AT THE LAW SCHOOL AND HE SPENT 35 YEARS WITH THE COURT  
12 AND HE INTRODUCED MEDIATION DURING THE 1980S. HE WAS  
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THE FEDERALLY FUNDED COURT-APPOINTED  
14 SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM AND HE WORKED TO MAKE THE JUVENILE  
15 COURT SYSTEM WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILD. HE PASSED AWAY  
16 ON MARCH 15TH. AND JAY KOCH, IN MEMORY OF JAY. THOSE ARE MY...

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AND ONE OTHER. TERRY DOUGLAS TULY, WHO WAS  
21 A-- DURING THE PAST 33 YEARS, HE WAS PROBATION OFFICER FOR THE  
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH. HE  
23 SERVED AS A MINISTER FOR HOUSEBOUND ELDERLY AND THE CHILDREN'S  
24 LITURGY. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A MILITARY  
25 INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT THE PENTAGON AND WAS A VIETNAM VETERAN



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1 AND HE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 3RD. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT  
2 MOTIONS. AND, FOR NEXT WEEK, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE  
3 BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO PREPARE A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE  
4 HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INFORMATION POLICY CENSUS AND NATIONAL  
5 ARCHIVES, URGING RESTORATION OF FOSTER CHILD CATEGORY IN THE  
6 2010 CENSUS TO DEMONSTRATE OUR COMMITMENT TO ABUSED AND  
7 NEGLECTED CHILDREN. MR. CHAIRMAN, BECAUSE THIS IS -- IT WOULD  
8 HAVE TO GO ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 1-H. WE HAVE CARLOS  
13 JACKSON.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CARLOS JACKSON.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTIONS I HAD ARE RELATIVE TO THE COST  
18 OF \$296,000 FROM THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER ADMINISTRATIVE  
19 PROGRAM. THE QUESTION, HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE WORKING IN THE  
20 SECTION 8 HOUSE OFFICE IN PALMDALE?

21

22 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY-- WE DOWNSIDED TO ABOUT  
23 12 STAFF PEOPLE FOR THE TEMPORARY PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL I  
24 FINISH THE REORGANIZATION OF THAT OPERATION.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 12 PEOPLE?

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3    **CARLOS JACKSON:** RIGHT.

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THIS THEN A RELOCATION OF EXISTING  
6    EMPLOYEES?

7

8    **CARLOS JACKSON:** YES, THE EXISTING EMPLOYEES.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE SEVERAL EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE RECENTLY  
11   REASSIGNED TO THE SANTA FE SPRINGS OFFICE?

12

13   **CARLOS JACKSON:** POSITIONS WERE REASSIGNED TO THE SANTA FE  
14   SPRINGS OFFICE.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT WAS THE COST FOR THAT REASSIGNMENT?

17

18   **CARLOS JACKSON:** THERE WAS NO COST OF THE REASSIGNMENT OF THAT  
19   STAFF.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHY IS THERE A COST FOR THIS  
22   REASSIGNMENT?

23

24   **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR, WHEN WE HAVE A CURRENT LEASE THAT  
25   IS EXPIRING AND THE CURRENT LANDLORD IS NOT RENEWING THE



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1 LEASE, WE HAVE CURRENTLY 3,200 SQUARE FEET THERE AND WE'RE  
2 MOVING TO ONE THAT IS 9,800 SQUARE FEET. IT IS FOR MORE  
3 CUSTOMER SERVICE BETTER OPERATION. WE WERE TOO CROWDED IN THE  
4 ONE FACILITY. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 3,000 SECTION 8  
5 CONTRACTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. INSPECTORS, OUR  
6 INVESTIGATORS, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, SO IT JUST CREATES A  
7 BETTER WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF THE \$296,000 REQUESTED, \$62,000 IS FOR NEW  
10 FURNITURE.

11

12 **CARLOS JACKSON:** IT'S FURNITURE FOR THE COMMON AREAS, THE  
13 CONFERENCE ROOM, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE CURRENTLY A CONFERENCE  
14 ROOM. ALSO, WE DON'T HAVE A RECEPTION AREA. MOST OF OUR  
15 CLIENTS CURRENTLY WAIT IN THE EXTERIOR OF THE OFFICE. WE HAVE  
16 JOINT FACILITIES WITH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL THERE AND THE  
17 COMPLAINTS THAT WE GOT IS THAT OUR CLIENTS WERE BASICALLY  
18 HANGING OUT IN THE CORRIDOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THERE ARE FEWER EMPLOYEES IN THE NEW  
21 LOCATION, WHY WOULD THE AUTHORITY NEED MORE MONEY FOR  
22 ADDITIONAL FURNITURE?

23

24 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THE FURNITURE IS PREDOMINANTLY, AGAIN, FOR THE  
25 CONFERENCE ROOM, THE RECEPTION AREA. WE ARE USING OUR EXISTING



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1 FURNITURE BEING TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE NEW LOCATION. THE ONLY  
2 THING THAT WE'RE BUYING FOR THE-- I MEAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES ARE  
3 NEW DESKTOPS, NOT DESKS BUT JUST THE DESKTOPS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID WE REVIEW WHAT WAS IN THE SURPLUS  
6 FURNISHING WAREHOUSE AS IF THERE'S ANY FURNITURE THERE THAT  
7 WOULD BE ABLE TO BE ABLE TO BE UTILIZED?

8

9 **CARLOS JACKSON:** IF I CAN DEFER THAT TO BOBETTE GLOVER, MY  
10 ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

11

12 **BOBETTE GLOVER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YES, WE REVIEWED, WE DO  
13 HAVE A INVENTORY OF OFFICE FURNITURE. YOU KNOW, WE USE THE  
14 STANDARD WORK STATIONS, THE PANELS, AND WE HAVE SURVEYED WHAT  
15 WE HAVE AND THERE ISN'T SUFFICIENT WORK STATIONS FOR THE STAFF  
16 AND IT'S MAINLY THE DESKTOP SURFACES THAT WE'RE PURCHASING.  
17 THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WORK AREA ON THEIR DESK. THE MAJOR PART  
18 OF THE COST, IF I MIGHT ADD, IS FOR CABLING FOR THE TELEPHONE  
19 SYSTEM AND THE COMPUTER SYSTEM. THAT'S APPROXIMATELY 137,000  
20 OF THE \$296,000.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BOARD APPROVED 114,000 IN OCTOBER OF 2006  
23 FOR TENANT IMPROVEMENTS. WHY WOULDN'T THE COST OF FURNITURE BE  
24 INCLUDED AT THAT APPROPRIATION TIME?

25



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1   **BOBETTE GLOVER:** AT THAT TIME, THE COST WAS FOR-- THE FURNITURE  
2   FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT WAS UNKNOWN AND SO THE \$114,000 THAT  
3   WAS APPROVED WAS TO BE ADDED TO THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AND  
4   THOSE WERE FOR EXPENSES AND FOR IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE LANDLORD  
5   WAS GOING TO MAKE AND THAT INCLUDED THINGS LIKE BUILDING WALLS  
6   FOR OFFICES, FINISHING OUT THE RESTROOMS, ADDING WINDOWS. IT'S  
7   A BUILDING WITH VERY FEW WINDOWS AT THIS TIME, SO THE  
8   ELECTRICAL HVAC AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT LIKE THAT.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE 137,000 FOR TELECOM COSTS, THE CABLING,  
11   TELEPHONE NETWORK, IS THAT DONE BY THE COUNTY OR DO WE  
12   CONTRACT THAT OUT FOR-- HOW DO WE DO THAT?

13

14   **BOBETTE GLOVER:** WE'LL CON-- I THINK WE'RE GOING TO CONTRACT  
15   THAT OUT. IT'S NOT DONE BY THE COUNTY AT ALL. IT WOULD BE DONE  
16   UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO DOES THAT?

19

20   **BOBETTE GLOVER:** I.T. STAFF.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT LIKE A VERIZON OR ONE OF THOSE TYPE  
23   OF COMPETITORS? WHO...?

24





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1 **BOBETTE GLOVER:** YOU KNOW, I'M NOT CERTAIN WHO IS GOING TO DO  
2 IT. I DON'T KNOW IF WE'VE GONE OUT TO BID ON IT YET BUT IT  
3 WILL BE DONE TO OUR SPECIFICATIONS. YEAH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL QUESTION,  
8 CARLOS. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS CURRENTLY REQUESTING \$300,000  
9 TO PROCURE HOUSING LOCATOR SERVICES TO HELP PROSPECTIVE  
10 SECTION 8 VOUCHER RECIPIENTS TO FIND SUITABLE HOUSING. AT A  
11 TIME WHEN YOU ARE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE BOARD  
12 BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY IN YOUR BUDGET TO HELP THE  
13 PEOPLE THAT YOU NEED TO HELP, DIRECT SERVICES, THE MISSION OF  
14 THE DEPARTMENT, IT MAKES SENSE TO CONSIDER THIS-- NEXT WEEK,  
15 WE HAVE THE OTHER ITEM COMING UP?

16

17 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY TIME SENSITIVITY TO  
20 THIS? CAN IT WAIT A WEEK?

21

22 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YEAH, WE CAN WAIT A WEEK ON THIS BUT I COULD  
23 ATTEMPT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION AS WELL.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.



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2 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WE HAVE HAD THIS IN THE PLANNING FOR OVER A

3 YEAR BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT CONDITIONS THAT OUR STAFF IS UNDER

4 AT ANTELOPE VALLEY. THIS IS THE ONLY SATELLITE OFFICE THAT WE

5 HAVE IN OUR PROGRAM AND WE'RE TRYING TO IMPROVE THE CUSTOMER

6 SERVICE UP THERE. WE HAVE CURRENTLY 3,200 SQUARE FEET WITH 23

7 STAFF PEOPLE. EVEN THOUGH WE'VE REDUCED THAT TO 12, IT STILL

8 IS A VERY CRAMPED QUARTERS FOR THE STAFF TO OPERATE WITH THE

9 AMOUNT OF CLIENTS THAT WALK INTO OUR OFFICE THERE. WE HAVE

10 APPROXIMATELY 3,000 CONTRACTS UP THERE AND THERE'S A LOT OF

11 INTERACTION WITH LANDLORDS, HEARINGS THAT WE CONDUCT, AND THE

12 CLIENTS THEMSELVES. SO WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT, FOR SOME

13 PERIOD OF TIME, WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT LOCATION. IT WAS

14 PROMPTED BY THE FACT THAT THE EXISTING LANDLORD IS NOT GOING

15 TO RENEW THE LEASE, SO WE DO HAVE TO FIND SPACE FOR THE STAFF.

16 AND THEN, SECONDLY, WHEN WE DID LOOK AT THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS,

17 THIS CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AS A REFERRAL FROM THE C.A.O.

18 BECAUSE IT'S A COMMON BUILDING THAT WOULD BE SHARED WITH THE

19 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO WE WERE PROMPT TO MOVE ON

20 THIS, YOU KNOW, AS FAST AS WE COULD BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, NOT

21 MANY EXISTING OWNERS WANTED TO HAVE OUR OFFICE, YOU KNOW,

22 LOCATED IN THEIR FACILITY. SO THIS BECAME THE ONLY REALLY

23 OPTION THAT WE HAD AND SO THE LANDLORD WANTS TO DO THE

24 IMPROVEMENTS BOTH FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND US

25 AT THE SAME TIME. SO THIS HAS BEEN IN THE PLANNING FOR, I



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1 WOULD SAY, AT LEAST OVER 12, 18 MONTHS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE CAN  
2 HOLD IT OVER BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO NEED...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I DON'T WANT TO HOLD IT OVER  
5 FOR THE SAKE OF HOLDING IT OVER. IT'S JUST THAT, WHEN THIS  
6 FIRST CAME UP, THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS WERE BROUGHT TO OUR  
7 ATTENTION BUT THE FURNITURE WASN'T AND, OBVIOUSLY, YOU'RE  
8 GOING TO HAVE TO PUT FURNITURE IN A FACILITY BUT YOU HAVEN'T  
9 GONE OUT TO BID ON THIS POINT. AT THIS POINT, IT'S JUST AN  
10 ESTIMATE OF WHAT YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO COST.

11

12 **CARLOS JACKSON:** IT'S OUR INTERNAL ESTIMATE OF WHAT-- AND,  
13 AGAIN, FOR THE FURNITURE, IT'S ONLY-- WE ESTIMATE 62,000 AT  
14 MOST. THE REST IS FOR DEALING WITH THE COMPUTER WIRING AND  
15 OTHER PARTS OF THE OPERATION. AND AT THE TIME THAT WE-- AT THE  
16 TIME THAT WE BROUGHT THIS, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
17 DO THE ESTIMATES AND I DO APOLOGIZE TO THE BOARD THAT WE  
18 DIDN'T MAKE A REFERENCE THAT WE WOULD BE COMING BACK WITH THIS  
19 REQUEST.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'M NOT GOING TO ASK  
22 THAT IT BE CONTINUED BUT I HOPE YOU'RE MINDFUL OF THE-- YOU  
23 DON'T NEED TO BE LECTURED ABOUT IT BUT THE JUXTAPOSITION OF  
24 THIS WITH THE OTHER ITEM COMING UP NEXT WEEK AND THE PROBLEMS  
25 THAT WE'RE HAVING IN GETTING HOUSING VOUCHERS AND HOUSING



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1 BEING THE CRISIS THAT IT IS, THIS JUST DOESN'T GO DOWN WELL  
2 WITH ME, ALTHOUGH I RECOGNIZE...

3

4 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL, THE TIMING WAS POOR.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IT'S NOT JUST THE TIMING. I  
7 JUST HOPE THAT THESE ARE REASONABLE, YOU KNOW, FORD, NOT  
8 CADILLACS, YOU KNOW, PRIUSES, NOT FORDS, YOU KNOW, IN THE WAY  
9 OF FURNITURE.

10

11 **CARLOS JACKSON:** NO, AND WE AGREE WITH THAT. JUST THAT  
12 SERVICING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY FROM-- WITH THE  
13 SATELLITE OFFICE IS VERY DIFFICULT TO START WITH AND THEN  
14 WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE TECHNOLOGY IN THE WAY TO  
15 COMMUNICATE BETWEEN US BECAUSE, WHEN I HAVE STAFF COME DOWN,  
16 IT'S AN HOUR AND A HALF TO 2-HOUR DRIVE AND IT DOESN'T MAKE  
17 SENSE FOR FOUR HOURS TO USE THEIR TIME JUST FOR, YOU KNOW,  
18 MAYBE SOME TRAINING. SO THIS IS REALLY TO IMPROVE THAT AREA OF  
19 OUR DELIVERY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CARLOS JACKSON:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO MOVE IT? ANTONOVICH  
2    MOVES, I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NUMBER 68.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 68. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO  
7    BE HEARD ON THIS, DR. CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS. DR. CLAVREUL,  
8    IF YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THE OTHER ITEM, IT'S UP TO YOU. FOR  
9    YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE'LL LET YOU DO THEM BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

10

11   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
12   YOU KNOW, I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT YOUR EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
13   WILL NOT GET REASSESSED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. YOU KNOW, I  
14   HAVE SURVEYED A LOT OF YOUR COMMISSIONS IN THE LAST, YOU KNOW,  
15   7 YEARS AND THE MOST INEFFICIENT COMMISSION IS YOUR EFFICIENCY  
16   COMMISSION. EVEN SO, THEY CONSTANTLY GET AWARDS. AND, YOU  
17   KNOW, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AND, ALSO, THAT YOUR COUNTY  
18   COUNSEL WILL ALLOW IT TO EXPIRE IS ANOTHER PROOF OF THE LACK  
19   OF EFFICIENCY OF THAT OFFICE. AND FOR MR. FORTNER TO BE THAT  
20   ARROGANT LAST WEEK TO SAY, YOU KNOW, AS A JOKE, A FLIPPANT  
21   JOKE, THAT HE WILL GO TO A REMEDIAL CLASS IN THE BROWN ACT IS  
22   A TRULY DISRESPECT OF YOUR OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
23   ATTENTION. ITEM 9...

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SURE, YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT-- IS  
2   IT 9 OR 7? WHICH ONE WAS IT?

3

4   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BOTH, BUT 9, I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK TO  
5   IT. AND, ON 7, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO LISTEN TO THE  
6   PRESENTATION FIRST, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO PROBLEM. MR. SACHS?

9

10   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK  
11   YOU VERY MUCH. BASICALLY, I WOULD ECHO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER'S  
12   COMMENTS AND JUST SAY HOW IRONIC THAT THE EFFICIENCY  
13   COMMISSION ALLOWS ITS CHARTER TO EXPIRE AND HAS TO BE RESCUED.  
14   IT SPEAKS VOLUMES FOR THE COMMISSIONS.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS, DID YOU WANT  
17   TO ADDRESS ITEM 3 WHILE YOU'RE UP THERE?

18

19   **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHEN IT'S CALLED, SIR. THANK YOU.

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THEN DO ME A FAVOR AND  
22   SIT CLOSER TO THE FRONT.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'LL MOVE 68 AND THEN CALL UP 3.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** COME ON UP, HE'S GOING TO DO 3  
2    NEXT, MR. SACHS.

3

4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 68, CAN WE GET A MOTION?

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NUMBER 68 IS MOVED BY BURKE,  
7    SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
8    ITEM 3.

9

10   **ARNOLD SACHS:** IS THIS CLOSE ENOUGH?

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12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** VERY GOOD.

13

14   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE A GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT  
15   THIS. LAST YEAR, COUNTY SUPERVISORS -- EXCUSE ME ONE SECOND.  
16   THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVED THE ACTION IN MAY REGARDING  
17   THE SUNSHINE COUNTY LANDFILL, WHERE IT INCREASED THE LANDFILL  
18   AMOUNTS FROM 6,000 TO 12,000, FROM 12,000 TO 66,000 AND I  
19   SPOKE ON THAT ITEM WHEN IT CAME BEFORE THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS.  
20   MY CONCERNS REGARDED THE MATH, THE INTAKE BEING THE KEY PHRASE  
21   IN THE INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF THE SOLID WASTES. THIS ITEM  
22   REFERS TO-- EXCUSE ME, REGULATIONS FROM THE CIWMB. SINCE THE  
23   COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEGLECTS 6,600 TONS OF WASTE, WHAT  
24   WILL HAPPEN IF THESE HAZARDS, THE BIOHAZARD WASTE MATERIALS  
25   FALL UNDER THAT CATEGORY OF 6,600 TONS, SINCE THEY'RE



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1 NONEXISTENT BUT REAL? WILL THEY STILL FALL UNDER THE  
2 REGULATIONS FOR THE CIWMB?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
9 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
10 VOTE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 2.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 2. PETER BAXTER. GO AHEAD,  
15 MR. BAXTER.

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17 **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR  
18 HONORABLE BOARD, MS. HARPER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS  
19 PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY  
20 SUBMITTED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF  
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ARE NOT NOTED ON THIS AGENDA. POSSIBLY THIS  
22 IS TO AVOID CONFUSION IN THE CONCLUDING OFFICE WITH THE NEW  
23 BEGINNING OFFICE ON THIS SAME DAY. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2 SPEAKS  
24 TO OPERA FOR EDUCATORS. THIS PROGRAM IS TO BE PRESENTED OVER  
25 THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BY THE LOS ANGELES OPERA. THIS PROGRAM



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1 REMINDS ME OF THE FORMER SUPERVISOR, THE HONORABLE EDMUND D.  
2 EDELMAN, WHO HONORED ME BY SENDING A LETTER TO THE FIRE CHIEF,  
3 MR. P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, ON MY BEHALF. AND, WITH YOUR  
4 PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HOPE IT'S OKAY IF I READ PART OF  
5 THIS LETTER FROM MR. EDELMAN. THE DATE OF THIS LETTER IS JULY  
6 26TH, 1993. I JUST MENTION THAT THAT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT 8 YEARS  
7 PRIOR TO 9/11 AND HE'S WRITING TO THE FIRE CHIEF AND HE SAYS,  
8 "DEAR MIKE, AS YOU KNOW, MR. PETER BAXTER TAKES EVERY  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD TO ADVOCATE THE USE OF TURBO  
10 JET ENGINES FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION. I'M AWARE THAT YOU HAVE  
11 PREVIOUSLY LOOKED INTO MR. BAXTER'S SUGGESTION. I AM ALSO  
12 AWARE THAT YOU COMMUNICATED WITH PRATT AND WHITNEY AND  
13 RECEIVED A LESS-THAN-ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO HIS SUGGESTION.  
14 I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT..." NOW, THIS IS THE CHAIRMAN OF  
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND HE'S  
16 SAYING, IN 1993, "I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR YOU  
17 TO TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT MR. BAXTER'S SUGGESTION AND SEE IF  
18 YOU CAN GENERATE ANY INTEREST AMONG MANUFACTURERS OF SMALL JET  
19 ENGINES TO DEVELOP A RESEARCH PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE USE OF  
20 THEIR PRODUCT BY FIRE DEPARTMENTS. PERHAPS YOU COULD GAIN  
21 SUPPORT FOR REQUESTING..." MY TIME IS RUNNING OUT BUT I THANK  
22 YOU FOR LETTING ME...  
23  
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE A HALF A MINUTE. GO  
25 AHEAD.



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2 **PETER BAXTER:** FINISH IT?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, YOU HAVE HALF A MINUTE. YOUR  
5 TIME ISN'T UP.

6

7 **PETER BAXTER:** OKAY. "PERHAPS YOU COULD GAIN SUPPORT FOR  
8 REQUESTING A RESEARCH PROGRAM FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE  
9 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS AND/OR THROUGH THE  
10 NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OR, AS SUGGESTED BY MR.  
11 BAXTER, THE CENTER FOR FIRE RESEARCH. IN ANY CASE, I WOULD  
12 APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN FINDING A WAY TO HAVE THIS IDEA  
13 PROPERLY EVALUATED BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELD. THANK YOU.  
14 SINCERELY EDMUND D. EDELMAN, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS."  
15 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO OFFER A COPY  
16 OF THE LETTER FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND MISS SACHI.  
17 THANK YOU, SIR.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE ITEM.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH? ANTONOVICH MOVES,  
24 MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 7.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 7?

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE OF THE CONCERNS IS  
6    THAT WE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEFORE-- YOU KNOW, WE LOOK  
7    BEFORE WE LEAP, A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE OPTIONS THAT  
8    ARE AVAILABLE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SERIOUS CRITICISMS OF THE  
9    SAN FRANCISCO ORDINANCE WHICH ACTUALLY IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO  
10    RECYCLING EFFORTS. AND, ACCORDING TO TREX, WHICH IS A LARGE  
11    MANUFACTURER OF NON-WOOD ALTERNATIVE DECKING AND RAILING  
12    PRODUCTS, THE REQUIREMENT WOULD HAVE THE UNINTENDED  
13    CONSEQUENCES OF MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO RECYCLE  
14    POLYETHYLENE. AND SO I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD AN AMENDMENT THAT WE  
15    INCLUDE A REPORT BACK ANY IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
16    WOULD HAVE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S RECYCLING EFFORTS,  
17    WHICH HAVE BEEN QUITE COMMENDABLE IN THE PAST, BEING ONE OF  
18    THE FORERUNNERS IN THE BEGINNING OF GREEN WASTE RECYCLING AND--  
19    - BEGINNING WITH THE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM AND  
20    OTHER EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SUCCESSFULLY. IN  
21    FACT, I THINK WE HAVE A HIGHER RECYCLING RATE THAN OTHER  
22    COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO JUST ADD THAT, THE  
23    IMPACTS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE ON RECYCLING  
24    EFFORTS.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE?

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3    **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT. I HAVE A REVISED  
4    MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO PASS OUT. AND, PRIMARILY, IT CLARIFIES  
5    THE-- ACTUALLY WHAT WAS PASSED IN SAN FRANCISCO IN A LITTLE  
6    BIT MORE TECHNICAL TERMS. AND WHAT THEY BECAME WAS THE FIRST  
7    MUNICIPALITY TO JOIN A GLOBAL TREND TO BAN THE USE OF PLASTIC  
8    BAGS IN GROCERY CHAINS AND RETAIL STORES IN FAVOR OF  
9    COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC BAGS. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS  
10   THAT I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT. THERE'S NO QUESTION  
11   THAT WE HAVE MORE PLASTIC BAGS GOING INTO OUR LANDFILLS AND  
12   OUR OCEAN AND UP AND DOWN OUR STREETS THAN WE REALLY NEED. WE  
13   NEED TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE. NOW, HOW DOES IT SOLVE AND HOW DO  
14   WE SOLVE IT? I'D LIKE TO FIRST BRING UP SOMEONE FROM PUBLIC  
15   WORKS? MR. WILFRED, WOULD YOU COME FORWARD? MY MOTION REALLY  
16   ASKS THAT THERE BE A STUDY OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO ALLOWING OUR  
17   PRESENT POLICY OF OPENING, JUST OPEN USE OF PLASTIC BAGS. I  
18   KNOW THAT RALPHS GIVES 5 CENTS IF YOU RETURN AND USE YOUR OWN  
19   BAG. AND TRADER JOE'S DOES THAT. THEY ALLOW 5 CENTS ON YOUR  
20   BILL IF YOU BRING YOUR OWN BAG. THESE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS  
21   THAT I THINK ARE VERY POSITIVE THAT WE CAN LOOK AT AND THAT WE  
22   CAN ENCOURAGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, NOT ONLY WITH JUST THE  
23   LARGE CHAINS BUT WITH OTHERS. BUT THERE'S SOME OTHER THINGS  
24   THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION. APPARENTLY, THAT THERE ARE  
25   BAGS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARILY POLYETHYLENE-BASED. THERE ARE





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1 BAGS THAT ARE CORN STARCH-BASED THAT ARE BIODEGRADABLE. AND  
2 SO, IN THIS DAY AND TIME, WE CAN'T JUST SAY OKAY, EVERYTHING'S  
3 GREAT. WE NEED TO LOOK AT OTHER ALTERNATIVES. I KNOW THAT, IN  
4 MY BLUE CAN, I LIVE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, SO, IN MY BLUE  
5 CAN, IT SAYS "DON'T PUT PLASTIC BAGS." NOW, I CAN PUT PLASTIC  
6 BOTTLES. I CAN PUT THINGS LIKE THAT BUT I CAN'T PUT PLASTIC  
7 BAGS IN MY RECYCLABLES. SO THAT, OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS A REAL  
8 CONCERN IN TERMS OF THE RECYCLING INDUSTRY AS IT RELATES TO  
9 THOSE BAGS. WHAT I WOULD WANT TO SEE IS THAT WE LOOK AT  
10 SOMETHING GOOD FOR LOS ANGELES. WE CAN'T FOLLOW SAN FRANCISCO,  
11 BUT I DON'T THINK WE CAN BURY OUR HEADS IN THE SAND AND SAY  
12 EVERYTHING'S GREAT AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT ANYTHING ELSE.  
13 AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME INPUT FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON  
14 EXACTLY HOW THIS IS BEING TREATED IN TERMS OF PLASTICS GOING  
15 INTO OUR-- THEY'RE GOING INTO OUR LANDFILLS MOSTLY, AREN'T  
16 THEY?

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18 **DON WOLFE:** YES, SUPERVISOR. DON WOLFE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
19 WORKS. IT IS A VERY INTERESTING AND A VERY CHALLENGING PROBLEM  
20 THAT WE HAVE. PLASTIC BAGS ARE A MAJOR SOURCE OF POLLUTION,  
21 BASICALLY, WITH TRASH STREWN IN OUR PUBLIC WAYS AND ON PRIVATE  
22 PROPERTY AND A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO WATER  
23 QUALITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF THESE  
24 BAGS THAT WIND UP IN THE RECEIVING WATERS. AND THEY'RE A BIG  
25 FACTOR OF THE ISSUE OF DEALING WITH THE TRASH TMDL THAT THE



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1 REGIONAL BOARD HAS IMPOSED FOR BIONA CREEK AND THE L.A. RIVER.  
2 MANY THINGS YOU SPOKE ABOUT, THE FACT THAT YOU CANNOT CO-  
3 MINGLE WITH RESPECT TO RECYCLING THE BIODEGRADABLE BAGS AND  
4 THE PLASTIC BAGS AND SEPARATING THEM ARE VERY DIFFICULT SO  
5 THAT DOES CREATE A CHALLENGE TO RECYCLING WHAT'S LEFT OF THE  
6 PLASTIC BAGS AND SOME OF THE ISSUES COULD BE TO COME UP WITH  
7 PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE NOT TO USE THE PLASTIC BAGS AND  
8 USE OTHER FORMS OF CONTAINERS AND A LOT OF OTHER AGENCIES DO  
9 THAT. AND, ALSO, IN OTHER COUNTRIES I'VE NOTICED THAT THEY  
10 HAVE ENCOURAGEMENTS THAT ARE VERY EFFECTIVE IN TURNING PEOPLE  
11 AWAY FROM THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS BUT NOT PROHIBITING THEIR  
12 USE. SO WE WOULD LOOK AT THIS, IF THE BOARD PASSES THIS  
13 MOTION, AS A REAL CHALLENGE TO LOOK AT ALL OF THE PLUSES AND  
14 MINUSES AND COME BACK WITH A REPORT TO THE BOARD TO GIVE YOU  
15 OPTIONS FOR A POLICY FOR L.A. COUNTY THAT WOULD WORK FOR THE  
16 COUNTY AND NOT HAVE THOSE REPERCUSSIONS THAT UNFORESEEN  
17 CONSEQUENCES THAT SUP. ANTONOVICH WAS TALKING ABOUT, SO THAT  
18 WE GET A WIN/WIN ON BOTH THE RECYCLING ISSUE AND THE WASTE  
19 REDUCTION ISSUE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THE GROCERS.  
22 AND ALSO NOT JUST THE GROCERS, THE OTHER RETAILERS, YOU KNOW?  
23 WE HAVE RETAILERS IN OUR DEPARTMENT STORES. EVERY ONE THAT AT  
24 THIS POINT DEPEND UPON PLASTIC BAGS. AT THE SAME TIME, I KNOW  
25 SOME OF US HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO USE PAPER BECAUSE WE THOUGHT



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1 THAT, IF WE WERE GOING TO USE PAPER, IT WAS A MATTER THAT WE  
2 WERE GOING TO REALLY CAUSE TREES TO BE DESTROYED SO THAT THERE  
3 WAS A RELUCTANCE AND SOME OF US WENT TO PLASTIC BECAUSE WE  
4 THOUGHT THAT WAS THE MOST ADVISABLE. BUT, AT THIS POINT, WE  
5 HAVE TO LOOK AT MAYBE SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVE, TO LOOK AT  
6 METHODS OF WHERE WE CAN ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO BRING THEIR OWN  
7 BAGS, RETURN THEIR BAGS BUT TO DO SOMETHING THAT WE CAN MOVE  
8 FORWARD. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN LOOK VERY SERIOUSLY AT THESE  
9 BIODEGRADABLE BAGS THAT ARE BASED ON-- WITH CORN STARCH AND  
10 ENCOURAGE SOME OF THE COMPANIES TO LOOK AT THOSE IF, IN FACT,  
11 THEY WORK. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY WORK OR NOT. I DON'T KNOW  
12 WHETHER THEY GO INTO THE LANDFILL AND THEY ARE DEGRADED THERE  
13 OR NOT BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT AND TO FIND  
14 OUT.

15

16 **DON WOLFE:** WE WILL WORK WITH THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND INTERNAL  
17 SERVICES AND COME BACK WITH OPTIONS FOR YOUR BOARD AND THE  
18 PLUSES AND MINUSES OF EACH ONE OF THE OPTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MISS MOLINA?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I THINK COSTCO IS THE ONE THAT'S GOT IT  
25 RIGHT. THEY JUST GIVE YOU BOXES AT THE END OF THE COUNTER AND



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1 YOU JUST PACK UP ALL YOUR STUFF IN THE RECYCLED BOXES. THEY DO  
2 IT ALL THERE. ANYWAY, IT MAKES A HECK OF A LOT OF SENSE. BUT  
3 LET ME ASK A QUESTION ABOUT JURISDICTION. I DON'T KNOW IF OUR  
4 LAWYER NEEDS TO ANSWER THIS AS WELL. IF WE WERE TO IMPOSE  
5 SOMETHING LIKE THIS, DOES THIS ONLY FUNCTION AND OPERATE IN  
6 OUR COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT WE PULL TRASH IN WHERE WE  
7 HAVE JURISDICTION OVER GROCERY STORES OR COULD THIS BE A  
8 COUNTYWIDE ISSUE BECAUSE WE ALSO HAVE, I MEAN, THE LANDFILL IS  
9 IN OUR AREA? WE ARE TAKING IN MOST OF THE TRASH FROM THOSE  
10 AREAS. SO, JURISDICTIONALLY, COULD WE HAVE A LARGER IMPACT  
11 THAN JUST THE UNINCORPORATED GROCERY STORES?

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR., COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD, THIS IS A QUESTION WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT AND THE  
15 ANSWER IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR YET BUT I BELIEVE THAT, WHILE  
16 THE COUNTY'S POLICE POWER DOES EXTEND JUST TO THE  
17 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY, IT IS A PRINCIPLE THAT YOUR  
18 BOARD IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS, AS  
19 YOU POINT OUT, INVOLVING TRASH AND RECYCLING ACTIVITIES THAT  
20 EXTEND INTO INCORPORATED AREAS OR EVEN BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES  
21 OF THE COUNTY. AND I BELIEVE THAT IT MAY WELL BE POSSIBLE  
22 BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT HERE, THAT THERE COULD BE SOME  
23 REGULATIONS THAT WOULD APPLY ON A COUNTYWIDE BASIS RATHER THAN  
24 LIMITED MERELY TO ACTIVITIES THAT OCCUR WITHIN THE  
25 UNINCORPORATED AREA. BUT, AS I SAY, MY STAFF IS COMPLETING A



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1 REPORT ON THAT AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THAT VERY QUICKLY TO RETURN  
2 WITH THE ALTERNATIVES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT WILL BE PART OF THE ANALYSIS IS OUR  
5 JURISDICTIONAL CAPABILITY?

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** ONE THING IS I THINK THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS  
10 INDICATED THEY WOULD WORK WITH US. THEY CONSIDERED THIS AND I  
11 THINK THEY WENT TO A RECYCLING SYSTEM. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT  
12 WORKS BECAUSE I HAVE NOT REALLY RECEIVED THE INFORMATION AS A  
13 CITY RESIDENT EXACTLY HOW YOU RECYCLE THE PLASTIC BAGS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** MISS BURKE, I WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND, AND I DON'T  
16 KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, THAT ONE OF THE THINGS YOU MIGHT  
17 LOOK AT AS WELL, IS MAYBE TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE WITHIN THE  
18 COUNTY AND TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE CITIES TO JOIN WITH US. AND  
19 IF WE WERE ALL COLLECTIVELY TOGETHER, THIS IS AN AWFULLY LARGE  
20 COUNTY OF 10 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT HAVE UNBELIEVABLE PROBLEMS  
21 WHEN IT COMES TO LANDFILLS AND LOOKING AT OPTIONS THAT MIGHT  
22 BE AVAILABLE TO US. I THINK INSTEAD OF EVERY CITY MAYBE DOING  
23 IT BUT LOOKING AT ALL THE CITIES AND THEN SEEING IF WE CAN  
24 COME UP WITH A COMBINED SOLUTION SO THAT IT WORKS FOR THE  
25 CITIES, AS WELL. THERE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT APPROACHES THAT WE



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1 MIGHT USE AND IT MIGHT ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES ABOUT-- THAT  
2 MR. ANTONOVICH IS RAISING, AS WELL. BUT I JUST THINK IT WOULD  
3 BE-- TO DO IT IN ISOLATION IS ONLY LIKE ONE PART OF THE  
4 SOLUTION. IF WE COULD PROVIDE A LEADERSHIP ROLE AND MAYBE LOOK  
5 AT THE OTHERS, I'M SURE THAT MANY OF THE OTHER CITIES WOULD  
6 ALSO WANT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. BUT THE SOLUTION HAS TO  
7 BE-- IT COULD BE INCENTIVES BUT IT'S PROBABLY ENCOURAGING THE  
8 GROCERY STORES TO LOOK AT HOW THEY THEMSELVES CAN TAKE IT ON.  
9 LIKE I SAID, COSTCO DOES IT ALL BY ITSELF. MOST OF US ARE  
10 PACKING OUR OWN GROCERIES NOWADAYS. THEY DON'T HAVE PACKERS  
11 ANY MORE LIKE THEY USED TO IN MOST PLACES. AT LEAST, THE  
12 GROCERY STORES THAT I SHOP IN. WE ALL GO TO THE EDGE AND START  
13 PACKING OUR OWN STUFF INTO PLASTIC BAGS. BUT IF THEY PROVIDED,  
14 YOU KNOW, OTHER BAGS, PAPER OR IF THEY PROVIDED BOXES, WE  
15 COULD DO THAT, AS WELL. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO THINK THE  
16 SOLUTION MIGHT BE MORE COUNTYWIDE AND WE MIGHT WANT TO INVITE  
17 SOME OF THE CITIES TO JOIN WITH US IN LOOKING AT WHAT KIND OF  
18 ORDINANCE, WHAT KIND OF RULE MAKING OR WHAT KIND OF INCENTIVES  
19 WE WOULD CREATE IN ORDER TO GET RID OF THE PLASTIC BAGS IN OUR  
20 LANDFILLS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I REALLY AGREE WITH THAT. I THINK WE DO HAVE TO  
23 WORK WITH THE CITIES. SOME CITIES, OF COURSE, ON THEIR OWN,  
24 MALIBU HAS TAKEN ACTION. SO WE NEED TO WORK WITH THEM. AND I





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1 THINK THAT, IF WE COME UP WITH SOMETHING, WE'LL BE ABLE TO  
2 WORK BETTER WITH THE CITIES IN DOING THAT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE MIGHT WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO REALLY LOOK  
5 AT A WAY THAT YOU MIGHT BRING IN THE CITIES INTO THIS  
6 DISCUSSION AND SEE WHAT KIND-- SOME WHO HAVE ALREADY DONE IT,  
7 HOW THEY DO IT AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING. BUT ALSO-- BECAUSE I  
8 KNOW THAT, IN SOME OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE HAVE SOME  
9 MARKETS BUT MOST OF OUR CHAINS ARE OUTSIDE OF MANY OF THE  
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

11

12 **DON WOLFE:** WE WILL DO THAT, SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE YOU'RE  
13 CORRECT. UNLESS WE'RE ALL IN IT TOGETHER IN DOING THE SAME  
14 THING OR SIMILAR THINGS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A BIG IMPACT.

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT, I'LL MOVE IT AS AMENDED.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED AS AMENDED,  
19 I'LL SECOND IT. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION? UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH'S...?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, IT DOES. SUP. ANTONOVICH'S  
2   AMENDMENT WAS AGREED TO. ALL RIGHT. MIKE, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
3   OTHERS?

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO  
8   YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. I HAVE TWO OF THEM.

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12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE UP. OH, I'M SORRY. HANG ON,  
13   HANG ON. DR. CLAVREUL, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK? WELL, DO YOU WANT  
14   TO SPEAK ON IT? WE'LL RECONSIDER IT. NO, IT'S NOT TOO LATE. IF  
15   YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK, WE'LL RECONSIDER IT. OKAY, ALL RIGHT. I  
16   APOLOGIZE. THERE WERE THREE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD. I'M  
17   GOING TO ASK THAT WE...

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19   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE TO RECONSIDER.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVE TO RECONSIDER. I'LL SECOND  
22   IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S BACK BEFORE US. WE HAVE ALL THE  
23   AMENDMENTS BEFORE US. EVERYBODY NOW HAS THE BENEFIT OF THE  
24   DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD. JENNIFER, IS IT FORKISH? AND EVELYNE  
25   MICHAUT? I WANT TO KNOW HOW CLOSE I CAME TO THE PRONUNCIATION



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1 ON THAT ONE. I EITHER HIT THE JACKPOT OR I BUTCHERED BOTH OF  
2 YOUR NAMES.

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4 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** NO, YOU GOT FORKISH RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FORKISH I GOT RIGHT. HOW ABOUT IS  
7 IT EVELYNE?

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9 **EVELYNE MICHAUT:** EVELYNE MICHAUT.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EVELYNE MICHAUT?

12

13 **EVELYNE MICHAUT:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS HALF RIGHT. ALL AHEAD, MISS  
16 FORKISH.

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18 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** ALL RIGHT, GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE  
19 BOARD, MY NAME IS JENNIFER FORKISH AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF  
20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOR THE THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS  
21 ASSOCIATION, A STATEWIDE TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING  
22 APPROXIMATELY 500 RETAIL MEMBERS OPERATING OVER 6,000 STORES  
23 IN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA AND APPROXIMATELY 300 GROCERY  
24 SUPPLIER COMPANIES. ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS'  
25 ASSOCIATION, I WANT TO EXPRESS A GENERAL CONCERN WITH THE



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1 MOTION BEING PUT FORWARD THIS MORNING. FIRST, CGA REQUESTS  
2 THAT TWO FACTUAL INACCURACIES IN THE MOTION BE CORRECTED. THE  
3 SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE MOTION STATES, "IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE  
4 PREVALENCE OF PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS, ESPECIALLY ONES MADE OF  
5 PETROLEUM-BASED POLYETHYLENE, HAVE A LONG TRACK RECORD OF  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION." THIS STATEMENT IS MISLEADING.  
7 GROCERY RETAILERS ARE NOT THE SOLE DISTRIBUTORS OF PLASTIC  
8 BAGS, AS YOU'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MORNING. A WIDE VARIETY  
9 OF RETAILERS UTILIZE PLASTIC BAGS. WE THEREFORE ASK THAT THE  
10 STATEMENT BE AMENDED TO READ "PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS", A TERM  
11 THAT HAS BEEN USED IN PRECEDING LEGISLATION AND THAT FURTHER  
12 REFERENCES BE AMENDED AS SUCH. THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF THE  
13 MOTION READS "SAN FRANCISCO RECENTLY BECAME THE FIRST  
14 MUNICIPALITY IN THE NATION TO JOIN A GLOBAL TREND TO BAN THE  
15 USE OF NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS IN GROCERY CHAINS AND  
16 RETAIL STORES." IN FACT, SAN FRANCISCO BANNED THE USE OF ALL  
17 RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE SAN  
18 FRANCISCO ORDINANCE MANDATES CERTAIN RETAILERS WHO USE PLASTIC  
19 BAGS TO NOW USE PLASTIC BAGS THAT ARE COMPOSTABLE. AND THAT'S  
20 SORT OF A TECHNICAL ISSUE WITH THAT. SO WE REQUEST THAT THIS  
21 PORTION OF THE MOTION BE AMENDED SO THAT IT ACCURATELY  
22 REFLECTS...

23  
24 **SUP. BURKE:** WE HAVE DONE THAT.



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1   **JENNIFER FORKISH:** OKAY, GREAT. WHILE WE SUPPORT YOUR  
2   WILLINGNESS TO INCLUDE OUR INDUSTRY IN AN ONGOING STUDY, FOR  
3   TWO REASONS CGA BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN EVALUATION MAY BE  
4   PREMATURE AT THIS TIME. FIRST, THE IMPACTS OF THE ORDINANCE  
5   PASSED BY THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO ARE NOWHERE CLOSE TO BE  
6   READY FOR EVALUATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE 90 DAYS CALLED FOR IN  
7   YOUR MOTION. WHILE IT CAN BE EVALUATED SUPERFICIALLY, THE  
8   IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMERS, AS WELL AS THE TRUE  
9   AND REAL IMPACTS ON INDUSTRY, ARE INCAPABLE OF BEING MEASURED  
10  IN 90 DAYS. SECOND: ASSEMBLY BILL 2449 STATUES OF 2006  
11  ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR PLASTIC BAGS. AB-  
12  2449 MANDATES THAT GROCERY RETAILERS WITH GROSS ANNUAL SALES  
13  OF \$2 MILLION AND STORES OF 10,000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE WITH A  
14  LICENSED PHARMACY PROVIDE A COLLECTION POINT FOR PLASTIC BAGS,  
15  RECYCLE THE MATERIALS RETURNED BY CONSUMERS AND PROVIDE  
16  REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAGS FOR CONSUMER PURCHASE BY JULY 1ST OF  
17  2007. THEREFORE, THIS PROGRAM WILL NOT BE IN EFFECT DURING THE  
18  TIME FRAME PRESENTED IN YOUR MOTION. THIS BILL GAINED REGIONAL  
19  SUPPORT FROM SUCH LOCAL ENTITIES AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
20  SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT  
21  TASKFORCE WHO STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT AB-2449 WILL FURTHER  
22  RECYCLING OF PLASTIC BAGS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE STRONGLY  
23  BELIEVE THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW STATE PROGRAM HAS YET TO  
24  BE SEEN SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE IS STILL THREE MONTHS  
25  AWAY. MANY LOCAL RETAILERS, BOTH GROCERY AND NON-GROCERY, ARE



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1 CURRENTLY ESTABLISHING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO COMPLY WITH THE  
2 STATE LAW. GIVEN THAT THE IMPACTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAM  
3 HAVE YET TO BE SEEN, AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT A STATEWIDE  
4 RECYCLING PROGRAM FOCUSED SOLELY ON PLASTIC BAGS IS LESS THAN  
5 THREE MONTHS FROM INITIATION, CGA ASKED THAT MEMBERS OF THE  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DELAY A STUDY AT THIS  
7 TIME. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MISS MICHAUT? AND DR.  
10 CLAVREUL? YOU'LL PASS? OKAY. GO AHEAD.

11

12 **EVELYNE MICHAUT:** MY NAME IS EVELYNE MICHAUT. I'M HERE TO  
13 REPRESENT NRDC, THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. NRDC IS  
14 A NATIONAL NONPROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE  
15 MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. WE HAVE ABOUT 30, A LITTLE MORE  
16 THAN 30,000 MEMBERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I'M HERE  
17 THIS MORNING TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT ARE CAUSED BY PLASTIC BAGS FROM  
19 GROCERS OR, AS YOU POINTED OUT, ANY RETAILERS, ACTUALLY. I  
20 THINK WE'RE ALL AWARE OF THESE ISSUES. A FEASIBILITY STUDY IS  
21 A REALLY IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY STEP AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
22 OFFER NRDC SUPPORT IN EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES FOR CARRY BAGS.  
23 ONE COMMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IS THIS STUDY, I THINK, NEEDS TO  
24 TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT THE EXISTING WASTE COLLECTION  
25 INFRASTRUCTURE. THE REASON WHY THIS WAS DOABLE IN SAN



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1 FRANCISCO, AND WE'LL SEE THE RESULTS, BUT THEY HAVE AN  
2 EXISTING FOOD WASTE COLLECTION AND A CITYWIDE COMPOSTING  
3 SYSTEM THAT I'M NOT SURE EXISTS PROPERLY IN L.A., IN THE  
4 COUNTY. SO IS THE GREEN WASTE COLLECTION HERE EFFECTIVE AND  
5 COULD IT BE EXPANDED TO FOOD WASTE? IF IT IS EXPANDED TO FOOD  
6 WASTE, WOULD THE COMPOSTING SYSTEM BE ABLE TO PROCESS THE BIO  
7 BAGS? I'M TALKING, OF COURSE, IF WE'RE LOOKING AT BANNING  
8 RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS, PETRO PLASTICS AND INSTEAD GOING TO  
9 BIO-BASED PLASTICS. SO THESE ARE DESIGNED, THIS IS PRETTY  
10 TECHNICAL, THEY ARE DESIGNED TO COMPOST ONLY IN COMMERCIAL  
11 COMPOSTING SYSTEMS. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO DECOMPOSE IN A  
12 LANDFILL. THERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE ABOUT FINDING THOSE BIO-BASED  
13 PLASTICS IF WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO MAKE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS  
14 HERE, BIO-BASED PLASTICS ARE WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM. THEY  
15 ARE COMING FROM DEDICATED CROPS, IN WHICH CASE, YOU'RE SETTING  
16 AGRICULTURAL LAND ASIDE FROM FOOD PRODUCTION TO MAKE PLASTIC  
17 BAGS. IT'S PRETTY RESOURCE-INTENSIVE. IS THAT WORTH IT? SO WE  
18 DEFINITELY NEED TO LOOK AT A LOT OF ALTERNATIVES FOR CARRY  
19 BAGS. SO MAYBE SOME RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS AND HAVE A REALLY  
20 STRONG EFFORT TO RECYCLE ALL THESE PLASTIC BAGS. I THINK THAT  
21 WOULD ENTAIL A LOT OF EDUCATION THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION AND  
22 RETAILERS' EDUCATION AND THEN ENCOURAGING CANVAS BAGS,  
23 REUSABLE BAGS. SO DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT, YOU KNOW, EITHER  
24 CHARGING FOR THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS OR GIVING BACK MONEY, AS  
25 SOME RETAILERS ALREADY DO.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OH, RIGHT. IT SAYS AND  
5 RETAIL. IT DOESN'T SAY JUST GROCERY. IT SAYS AND OTHER RETAIL.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. MICHAUT AND DR. CLAVREUL COULD  
8 HAVE A CONVERSATION IN FRENCH OR YOU'D LIKE TO TESTIFY IN  
9 FRENCH...

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT  
14 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED. IT WOULD ADD A LITTLE  
15 CLASS TO THE JOINT, WOULDN'T IT? LET'S FACE IT. IF WE-- OUI.  
16 OKAY. NEXT ITEM, MR. ANTONOVICH IS THROUGH. SO, MISS MOLINA,  
17 YOU'RE UP WITH YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS MORNING, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
20 MEMORY OF ARMY MEDIC GABRIEL FIGUEROA OF BALDWIN PARK WHO WAS  
21 KILLED WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN IRAQ. GABRIEL WAS ASSIGNED  
22 TO THE FIRST BATTALION OF THE EIGHTH CAVALRY REGIMENT, THE  
23 SECOND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM AND THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION FROM  
24 FORT HOOD, TEXAS. WE WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS PROFOUND  
25 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT



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1    CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, TO HIS FRIENDS AND TO CERTAINLY ALL  
2    OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS.

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
7    OF CHARLIE BRIAN GARCIA, THE BELOVED NEPHEW OF MY LONG TIME  
8    STAFF MEMBER, BERTHA SANDOVAL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR THOUGHTS  
9    AND PRAYERS AND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO BERTHA AND HER  
10   ENTIRE FAMILY. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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12   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE. OKAY.

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MS. BURKE?

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16   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE SOME ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I MOVE THAT, WHEN  
17   WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACK NOVAK, THE  
18   FATHER-IN-LAW OF LINDA NOVAK, OWNER OF HAL'S RESTAURANT IN  
19   VENICE WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 95. HE LEAVES TO  
20   CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS SON, DONALD NOVAK, AND WIFE, LINDA, AND  
21   TWO GRANDCHILDREN, KIKO AND SCOTT. AND ANTHONY MINNARD, A  
22   LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
23   PARKS AND RECREATION GROUND MAINTENANCE WORKER AT ALONDRA PARK  
24   WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 30TH AFTER A BATTLE WITH THROAT  
25   CANCER. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, JULIE



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1 CASTILLO MINNARD, MOTHER, MYRTLE MINNARD, AND BROTHER, WARREN  
2 CHARLES. AND ERIC B. THOMAS, WHO WAS A VERY ACTIVE PERSON IN  
3 PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY AND OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL SONS OF  
4 LIGHT GRAND LODGE INSPECTOR GENERAL THE THIRD, 33-DEGREE MASON  
5 WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY, APRIL 9TH OF A MASSIVE HEART  
6 ATTACK. ERIC THOMAS WAS-- GRADUATED FROM UCLA AND WAS A  
7 CHARTER MEMBER OF KAPPA DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER, THE SOUTHERN  
8 CALIFORNIA ALUMNI AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN LOS ANGELES IN  
9 NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL ITEM 9. DID ANYONE CALL THAT UP?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE DID IT.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, WE DID NOT. THE INDIVIDUAL, THE MEMBER  
18 OF THE PUBLIC WITHDREW HER REQUEST TO SPEAK ON IT, SO WE JUST  
19 NEED TO...

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAVE A MOTION.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.  
2    UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4    **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE.

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6    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 30.

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8    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 30.

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10   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY, YOU WERE HOLDING THAT.

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12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. WHO IS SPEAKING FOR THE  
13   STAFF ON THIS? COULD WE GET THEM OUT HERE? WHILE THEY'RE DOING  
14   THAT, LET ME DO MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. WHILE THEY'RE COMING  
15   UP, LET ME JUST-- I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GRAND  
16   RABBI ELIEZER ADLER, WHO PASSED AWAY IN LATE FEBRUARY. A  
17   FAMILIAR AND REVERED FIGURE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, LONG  
18   AFFILIATED WITH CONGREGATION OHEL DAVID OF THE FAIRFAX AREA,  
19   LONG TIME FRIEND OF MY PARENTS AND MYSELF. ONE OF MY EARLIEST  
20   MEMORIES IS GOING TO HIS SYNAGOGUE DURING SOME OF THE  
21   FESTIVALS. RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG AND DIFFICULT  
22   ILLNESS. HE WAS BORN IN JERUSALEM WHEN IT WAS STILL UNDER  
23   OTTOMAN CONTROL AND LIVED ALMOST A CENTURY AND WAS BURIED IN  
24   JERUSALEM JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
25   DAUGHTER, MIRIAM HUTTLER, AND SON-IN-LAW RABBI RUBIN HUTTLER



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1 AND MANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. ROBERT "ROBBIE"  
2 KINZLE, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHO  
3 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 44. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE  
4 ROSEDA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AS A BLOCK CAPTAIN. VOLUNTEERED HIS  
5 TIME EVERY YEAR FOR OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY. HE WAS LOVED BY  
6 MANY AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
7 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ANN, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE  
8 DIRECTOR OF THE ROSEDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HIS SISTER,  
9 MICHELLE, AND TWO BROTHERS, WILLIAM AND MARK. I ALSO ASK THAT  
10 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PEARL SLOAN. RESIDENT OF TOPANGA WHO  
11 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. CAME TO TOPANGA IN  
12 1948, WHERE SHE AND HER HUSBAND BUILT THEIR HOUSE AROUND AN  
13 OAK TREE. IN IT, THEY RAISED FIVE CHILDREN TOGETHER. SHE WAS  
14 TIRELESSLY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS, WITH THE  
15 PTA, THE TOPANGA WOMEN'S CLUB, THE GIRL SCOUTS, TOPANGA  
16 RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, TOPANGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND  
17 OTHER THINGS. HER TRUE HOBBY, THOUGH, WAS PEOPLE AND THE  
18 PEOPLE SHE TOUCHED SPANNED MANY GENERATIONS. SHE IS SURVIVED  
19 BY HER HUSBAND OF 68 YEARS, BILL SLOAN, THREE SONS, BILL,  
20 DAVID AND JOHN, TWO DAUGHTERS, MARIAN AND BARBIE AND 13  
21 GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. LAST, AS WE  
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NELLY ROSENFELD, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
23 AGE OF 97, A MUCH BELOVED FIGURE AND ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN HER  
24 SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY OF TEMPLE ISRAEL IN HOLLYWOOD, WHERE SHE  
25 WORKED HARD TO ORGANIZE THE TEMPLE SABBATH RECEPTIONS FOR THE



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1 PAST 18 YEARS, NEVER MISSING A SINGLE WEEK. SHE HAS AN  
2 EXTRAORDINARY PERSONAL STORY. BORN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, LATER  
3 RESIDING IN PARIS, SHE FLED TO THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE WITH HER  
4 HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION AND WAS  
5 SHELTERED FROM 1943 TO '45, WHEN FRANCE WAS FINALLY LIBERATED.  
6 SHE WAS A INSTITUTION IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN OUR DISTRICT.  
7 AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER GRANDCHILDREN, BEN SCHICK AND SASA  
8 BLACKOFF AND A GREAT GRANDSON, JACOB. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING  
9 MOTIONS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. ON ITEM 30, COULD YOU IDENTIFY  
10 YOURSELVES JUST FOR THE RECORD?

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12 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** JACOB WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC  
13 WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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15 **DAVID HOWARD:** I'M DAVID HOWARD, I'M THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY  
16 DIRECTOR WITH PUBLIC WORKS.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S A GROUP OF THREE CITIZENS  
19 WHO HAVE BEEN REVIEWING ALL OF THESE ISSUES WITH YOU, IS THAT  
20 CORRECT?

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22 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** THE PAC, YES. THE PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND  
25 THEY'VE BEEN LOOKING AT ALL OF THE CHANGE ORDERS AND COST



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1    OVERRUNS AND THAT'S BEEN THEIR CHARGE, TO TRY TO KEEP THE  
2    PROJECT AS CLOSE TO BUDGET AS POSSIBLE?

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4    **JACOB WILLIAMS:** IN REAL TIME.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DID THEY REVIEW THESE CHANGES?

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8    **JACOB WILLIAMS:** YES.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DID THEY ENDORSE THEM?

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12   **JACOB WILLIAMS:** THEY REVIEWED THEM. THEY CONCURRED WITH THIS  
13    CHANGE WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTRACTOR, YES.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EVERY ONE OF THE THREE...

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17   **JACOB WILLIAMS:** YES.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...CONCURRED IN THEM?

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21   **JACOB WILLIAMS:** YES.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I DON'T HAVE ANY  
24    OTHER QUESTIONS. ANYBODY ELSE? DO YOU WANT TO MOVE IT? I SAID,  
25    DO YOU WANT TO MOVE IT?





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, YES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, MOLINA MOVES. BURKE

5 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT? I'M GOING TO CALL-- WE HAVE QUITE A FEW CARDS

7 ON PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL CALL FOUR UP AT A TIME. STAAV

8 GOLDREICH, SYLVIA AL MALIKI. SUSAN GALEAS AND JAMES SMITH.

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10 **DEPUTY:** THE FIRST FOUR PEOPLE WHO WERE CALLED, PLEASE STEP UP.

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12 **SPEAKER:** JAMES IS NOT HERE YET. SHE'S PARKING. BUT JUSTIN

13 COULD SPEAK.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MISS GOLDREICH?

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17 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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19 **STAAV GOLDREICH:** YES, I'M MS. GOLDREICH.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU'RE FIRST.

22

23 **STAAV GOLDREICH:** ALL RIGHT, I'M A SENIOR IN THE DANCE

24 DEPARTMENT OF L.A. COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS. I'VE BEEN

25 THERE ALL FOUR YEARS AND I'VE SEEN THE CHANGE THAT HAS



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1 OCCURRED FROM MY FRESHMAN YEAR TO MY SENIOR YEAR. THE FIRST  
2 THREE YEARS I WAS AT THIS SCHOOL, TECHNIQUE WAS STRESSED. YOU  
3 HAD TWO TECHNIQUE CLASSES A WEEK, THAT'S BALLET, AND THAT  
4 PREPARED YOU FOR COLLEGE, FOR AUDITIONS, FOR JUST THE DANCE  
5 WORLD IN GENERAL. THIS YEAR, I HAVE HAD ONE TECHNIQUE CLASS IN  
6 THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AS AN ELECTIVE. AS THE YEAR  
7 PROGRESSED, AND WE HAVE HAD TEACHERS WHO WERE PUSHED TO LEAVE,  
8 FIRED OR LEFT ON THEIR OWN ACCORD BECAUSE OF THE  
9 ADMINISTRATION, I'VE HAD TWO CLASSES A WEEK. THAT MEANS THREE  
10 CLASSES I WAS SITTING OUT. NO TEACHER. OFTEN, THERE WAS NO  
11 CLASS TO WORK IN. WE WERE KICK OUT OF THE ROOM BECAUSE THERE  
12 WAS A COLLEGE CLASS THAT WASN'T ARRANGED PROPERLY. WE HAD TO  
13 WORK OUT ON THE CONCRETE, WHICH IS VERY, VERY UNHEALTHY FOR  
14 DANCERS. WE'VE-- THE TEACHERS WHO DIDN'T WANT TO PUT THEIR  
15 DANCERS IN THIS KIND OF DANGER, THEY SACRIFICED THEIR CLASS SO  
16 WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE. AND, FOR SENIORS,  
17 THIS YEAR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT. THIS IS THE YEAR WHERE YOU  
18 COMPLETE YOUR TRAINING. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OF THAT. SAFETY.  
19 THIS CONCRETE ISSUE. BESIDES THAT, THROUGH OUR SHOWS, WE  
20 FINALLY BOUGHT MARLEY FOR OUR STAGE. THE MARLEY WASN'T  
21 PREPPED. WE HAD MANY PEOPLE FALLING. THERE COULD HAVE BEEN  
22 SERIOUS INJURIES. AND WE'VE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE CALL TIMES.  
23 YOU KNOW, WE WEREN'T TOLD THE PROPER CALL TIMES. WE WERE  
24 SITTING OUT IN THE COLD WITHOUT SUPERVISION BY OURSELVES FOR  
25 MAYBE AN HOUR. WHEN WE TRIED TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT THESE ISSUES



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1 THAT HAVE COME UP THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, WE WERE  
2 THREATENED WITH PROBATION, NOT WALKING DURING GRADUATION. WE  
3 WERE LIED TO BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND THAT'S WHAT LEADS ME TO  
4 BELIEVE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ISN'T DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR US  
5 BUT WHAT'S EASIEST FOR THEM.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SYLVIA AL MALIKI.

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9 **SYLVIA AL MALIKI:** AL MALIKI.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, AL MALIKI. I'M SORRY.

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13 **SYLVIA AL MALIKI:** AS YOU SAID, MY NAME IS SYLVIA AL MALIKI AND  
14 I AM ALSO A SENIOR BUT I AM THE DANCE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
15 DEPARTMENT AND I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE ARTISTIC INTEGRITY  
16 OF THE DANCE DEPARTMENT IS FALLING INTO DARKNESS AND PEOPLE  
17 ARE EITHER NONCHALANT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT CARE OR THEY ARE  
18 IGNORANT BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN INFORMED. WE'VE HAD TWO  
19 PEACEFUL PROTESTS WHICH THE STUDENTS WOULD WALK OUT DURING  
20 THEIR ARTS TIMES AND THIS IS LIKE-- WE DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT  
21 BUT WE WEREN'T BEING HEARD. WE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. AND I WAS  
22 PERSONALLY BLACKMAILED BY OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. GOTHOLD, WHO TOLD  
23 US THAT, IF WE CONTINUED TO PROTEST, HE MIGHT NOT REWARD US  
24 WITH OUR MEETING THAT WAS PROMISED TO US ON THE 24TH SO WE HAD  
25 TO HAVE THE MEETING A DAY LATER WITH DAVID FLORES AND I HAD TO



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1 LEAVE BECAUSE OF AN APPOINTMENT. AND, ONCE I LEFT, IT WAS  
2 CIRCULATED THAT SOMEONE TOLD DAVID FLORES THAT THE STUDENTS  
3 DID NOT WISH TO MEET WITH HIM, WHICH WAS TOTALLY INCORRECT.  
4 THE FIRST TIME WE WERE ACTIVE WAS AT A PARENT MEETING WHEN THE  
5 STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO SPEAK BECAUSE, LIKE STAAV STATED, WE DO  
6 NOT HAVE STRONG TECHNIQUE CLASSES AND, WITH OTHER PROFESSIONS,  
7 YOU NEED CERTAIN CLASSES OR CERTAIN SKILLS IN ORDER TO BE THE  
8 BEST YOU CAN BE AT THAT PROFESSION. SAME WITH DANCE. WE HAVE  
9 NOT HAD THOSE CLASSES. AND SO WE WERE SPEAKING ABOUT IT,  
10 SAYING OUR FUTURE IS AT RISK AND, WHILE THESE PARENTS ARE  
11 BICKERING OR BEING BITTER, THAT OUR FUTURES ARE AT STAKE AND  
12 WE WERE PHYSICALLY YELLED AT BY THE PARENTS FOR VOICING OUR  
13 OPINIONS. IT'S ALSO BEEN SPECULATED THAT THIS IS A RACE ISSUE.  
14 IT IS NOT A RACE ISSUE. TO PREVENT THE STUDENTS FROM GETTING  
15 INTO ANY MORE DANGERS OF PROBATION, WE HAD T-SHIRTS THAT SAID  
16 "PROTECT OUR LEGACY", WHICH WAS THE LEGACY OF THE DANCE  
17 DEPARTMENT ITSELF AND NOT THE LEGACY OF AN INDIVIDUAL PERSON.  
18 NOT ONLY DID THEY COMPLETELY MISINTERPRET WHAT THE "PROTECT  
19 OUR LEGACY" MEANT BUT THEY ALSO SAID THAT NO STUDENTS OF COLOR  
20 WORE THAT SO I BASICALLY THOUGHT APPARENTLY I MUST BE WHITE  
21 BECAUSE I'M THE ONE THAT GOT ALL THE STUFF TOGETHER. AND NOT  
22 JUST STUDENTS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS WORE THEM BUT ALSO  
23 FILIPINOS, HISPANICS, MANY STUDENTS WROTE THAT SO THE LETTER  
24 THAT WAS RECEIVED BY OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD WAS INCORRECT AND  
25 WASN'T ACCURATE AT ALL. I'VE ALSO HELPED WITH THE LACHSA DANCE



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1 AUDITIONS AND IT SADDENS ME BECAUSE ALL THE GREAT THINGS THAT  
2 WE ONCE HAD, COLLEGE CONNECTIONS AND STRONG CLASSES, ALL I  
3 COULD TALK ABOUT AND INFORM THE PARENTS ABOUT WERE THINGS THAT  
4 NO LONGER EXISTED AT THIS SCHOOL. AND I'M NO LONGER FIGHTING  
5 HERE FOR MY RIGHTS BECAUSE I AM A SENIOR AND IT IS TOO LATE  
6 FOR ME. I'M FIGHTING FOR THE FUTURE CLASSES SO THAT THEY CAN  
7 HAVE A CHANCE AND STAND WHEN THEY GO TO COLLEGE SO THAT THEY  
8 CAN FEEL PREPARED. BECAUSE, AT THIS MOMENT RIGHT NOW, WITHIN  
9 FOUR YEARS, THERE WILL NOT BE A DANCE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THE  
10 PEOPLE THAT MADE THE DEPARTMENT SO GREAT ARE GONE. AND WE HAD  
11 NINE TEACHERS. ONLY THREE OF THE ORIGINAL TEACHERS ARE THERE  
12 AND ONE IS ABOUT TO QUIT. SO ONLY TWO ORIGINAL TEACHERS ARE  
13 THERE. SO THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SUSAN GALEAS.  
16 BEFORE YOU GO ON, IS JAMES SMITH HERE? JUSTIN WHEELER? TRICIA  
17 THAYER? IS TRICIA HERE? NO? RHONDA? OH, YOU'RE HERE. COME ON  
18 DOWN. OKAY. THAT'S ALL THERE IS THAT WE'LL CALL FOR NOW. OKAY,  
19 MS. GALEAS.

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21 **SUSAN GALEAS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
22 SUSAN GALEAS AND I'M A PARENT OF A THIRD YEAR VOCAL MUSIC  
23 STUDENT AT THE L.A. COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AS WELL  
24 AS CO-PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF ARTS HIGH ORGANIZATION. I'M  
25 HERE TODAY TO ELUCIDATE FOR YOU THE CURRENT SITUATION AT



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1 LACHSA. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO PAINT A PICTURE OF THE LACHSA  
2 CULTURE, AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF STEVE BARBER, A  
3 FACILITATOR HIRED BY SUPERINTENDENT DARLENE ROBLES TO HELP  
4 RESOLVE THE MULTIPLE ISSUES THAT ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE  
5 SCHOOL. FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS, VERBATIM, FROM A RECENT  
6 DOCUMENT SENT TO US BY STEVE BARBER. "US VERSUS THEM PERMEATES  
7 THE SCHOOL CULTURE. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED A CULTURE OF CONFLICT  
8 WHEREIN THE UNCONSCIOUS COMPETENCE OF ALL PARTIES EVOLVES TO  
9 AN ANTAGONISTIC CRESCENDO IN SUCH A FASHION THAT ALL  
10 ENGAGEMENTS, CONVERSATIONS AND ISSUES ARE EVALUATED THROUGH A  
11 LENS OF SIDES." "IT BECAME APPARENT TO THE FACILITATORS THAT  
12 THE APPLICATION OF PROCESS TO ADDRESS THE LONG-TERM SYSTEMIC  
13 ISSUES WAS BEING MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY THE INTENSITY OF  
14 EMOTION AND EMOTION-DRIVEN BEHAVIORS SUCH AS LANGUAGE,  
15 SUSPICION AND ASSUMPTIONS, THAT AN IMMEDIATE STEP NEEDED TO BE  
16 TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENT ISSUE OF THE PRESENCE OF ONE OF  
17 THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE RELATIONSHIP. ACCORDINGLY, THE  
18 FACILITATORS HAVE INITIATED A SECONDARY MEDIATION PROCESS TO  
19 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE." WHILE THIS IS FANCY LANGUAGE, IT  
20 NONETHELESS PAINTS A CLEAR PICTURE FROM AN OBJECTIVE  
21 PERSPECTIVE THAT THIS IS A SCHOOL THAT HAS BECOME SEVERELY,  
22 SEVERELY FRACTURED BY INCOMPETENCE AND ALONG THE LINES OF RACE  
23 AND POSITION. THE TRUE MISSION OF THE SCHOOL SEEMS TO HAVE  
24 BEEN FORGOTTEN AND OUR KIDS ARE SUFFERING. AND IN SPITE OF  
25 WHAT YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, THEY AREN'T SUFFERING BECAUSE THE





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1 PARENTS ARE CREATING CHAOS. THEY'RE SUFFERING BECAUSE THEY  
2 HAVE INADEQUATE SUPERVISION, LESS THAN ADEQUATE CLASSROOM  
3 SITUATIONS AND, IN ONE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR, LITTLE TO NO ARTS  
4 INSTRUCTION. THIS IS NOT A PICTURE ONE WOULD EXPECT OF A  
5 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, AWARD-WINNING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL, IS IT?  
6 AS A PARENT, COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL AND A TAXPAYER, I HAVE  
7 PERSONALLY ASKED THE LACHSA ADMINISTRATION AND L.A.C.O.E. WHY  
8 THIS IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL AND THE ANSWERS I HAVE  
9 RECEIVED ARE ABYSMAL. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE PROBLEM LIES  
10 WITHIN THE PARENTS BEING MEDDLESOME, OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT  
11 THE EDUCATION AND WELLBEING OF THEIR CHILDREN. SHOULD PARENTS  
12 NOT BE CONCERNED AND ACTIVELY INVOLVED? I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT  
13 THE LONG LIST OF GRIEVANCES BROUGHT FORTH BY CONCERNED PARENTS  
14 WERE MANUFACTURED DUE TO RACISM. I AM NOT A RACIST. TAYLOR,  
15 STAND UP, PLEASE. THAT IS MY DAUGHTER. SHE IS BIRACIAL. THIS  
16 IS NOT ABOUT RACE. HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF CERTAIN  
17 INDIVIDUALS IN LACHSA'S ADMINISTRATION, THERE IS NOW A  
18 PERCEPTION THAT THIS IS ABOUT RACE AND STUDENTS AND PARENTS  
19 ARE NOW BECOMING DIVIDED ALONG THOSE LINES WITH STUDENTS  
20 FIGHTING STUDENTS AND PARENTS FIGHTING PARENTS. THE REAL  
21 ISSUES ARE DOCUMENTED AND FOUNDED AND THEY REVOLVE AROUND  
22 COMPETENCY. EVEN L.A.C.O.E.'S DAVID FLORES ACKNOWLEDGED SOME  
23 OF THEM IN HIS FEBRUARY REPORT. YET THE OTHER SIDE,  
24 QUOTE/UNQUOTE, "HAS DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF WATERING DOWN  
25 THE REAL ISSUES WITH LOUD CRIES OF RACISM". I HAVE BEEN TOLD





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1 THAT L.A.C.O.E. IS ANGRY AT THE FRIENDS OF OUR TIE  
2 ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE REGARDING A  
3 DEPARTMENT CHAIR WAS PLACED ON THE FOA SECTION OF THE SCHOOL'S  
4 WEBSITE. THIS AFTER YEARS OF BRINGING FORTH GRIEVANCES TO THE  
5 SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL WITH NO RESPONSE TO DATE AND MONTHS OF  
6 BRINGING ISSUES TO L.A.C.O.E.'S ATTENTION WITH NO REAL  
7 RESPONSE TO DATE. A LETTER THAT RESULTED FROM A VOTE THAT TOOK  
8 PLACE IN A NOVEMBER MEETING IN WHICH THE ONLY NAY WAS THE VICE  
9 PRINCIPAL AND THAT LETTER WAS SENT AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE  
10 MINUTES TO THE PRINCIPAL AND THE VICE PRINCIPAL TWICE WITH NO  
11 INDICATION THAT THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS BEFORE IT WAS POSTED,  
12 WHICH WAS CONSISTENT WITH HOW THE MINUTES HAD BEEN POSTED  
13 PREVIOUSLY. THIS, IN AND OF ITSELF, IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF  
14 THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES IMPACTING THE SCHOOL, WHEN NEITHER THE  
15 PRINCIPAL NOR THE VICE PRINCIPAL HAVE EITHER THE TIME OR THE  
16 INCLINATION TO READ AND RESPOND TO THOSE "MEDDLESOME PARENTS"  
17 AND, ONCE THE LETTER WAS SEEN, WHAT DID L.A.C.O.E. DO BUT  
18 SHOOT THE MESSENGER AND FIRE THE PARENTS. AND I'VE LEARNED  
19 THAT THE PROBLEMS WE SHARED WITH YOU THROUGH THE INFORMATION  
20 PROVIDED TO EACH OF YOUR OFFICES EARLIER THIS YEAR IN THESE  
21 BINDERS, COMMUNICATED HERE AGAIN TODAY, HAVE OCCURRED OVER AND  
22 OVER AND OVER AGAIN WITH EACH NEW PRINCIPAL. DID YOU KNOW THAT  
23 LACHSA HAS HAD FOUR PRINCIPALS SINCE 2000? THAT'S FOUR  
24 PRINCIPALS IN LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS. THAT'S A VERY CLEAR  
25 INDICATION THAT SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG IN THE LAND OF OZ.



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1 I THINK YOU NEED TO ASK L.A.C.O.E. THE QUESTION OF WHY. WHY  
2 CAN'T THEY HIRE AND KEEP A GOOD PRINCIPAL? I UNDERSTAND THAT  
3 THE PRINCIPAL PRIOR TO THE CURRENT ONE WAS VERY WELL QUALIFIED  
4 AND VERY WELL RESPECTED. WHAT HAPPENED WITH HER? PERHAPS  
5 SOMEONE FROM THIS BOARD NEEDS TO ASK THE QUESTION AND DON'T  
6 ASK L.A.C.O.E. BECAUSE YOU WON'T GET THE REAL ANSWER. IF YOU  
7 DON'T BELIEVE ME OR THE STUDENTS HERE TODAY OR THE ALUMNI THAT  
8 WILL SPEAK TO YOU IN A MOMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE LACHSA  
9 FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR STAFF, MARSHA HOBBS, THE  
10 BOARD CHAIR OF THE FOUNDATION, SHEILA BERGMAN, THE EXECUTIVE  
11 DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION. THEY CAN SHARE WITH YOU THEIR OWN  
12 OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY AS WELL AS THE CURRENT  
13 DAILY CHALLENGES AND THEY CAN'T BE ACCUSED OF BEING MEDDLESOME  
14 PARENTS. THE TRUTH IS SIMPLE. LACHSA IS BROKEN.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO FINISH IF  
17 YOU CAN. I'VE GIVEN YOU A LOT MORE TIME.

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19 **SUSAN GALEAS:** OKAY. AND IT NEEDS IMMEDIATE REPAIR. AND THERE  
20 IS NO COMMUNICATION. I'LL SUBMIT THIS SO THAT YOU ALL HAVE IT  
21 BECAUSE I HAVE ANOTHER PAGE. NORMALLY I TALK FAST. THE  
22 SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATION NEEDS A COMPLETE OVERHAUL. AND WE LOOK  
23 TO YOU, ONE OF WHOM IS A FOUNDER OF LACHSA, DO THE RIGHT  
24 THINGS BY THE STUDENTS. L.A.C.O.E. NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES  
25 AND QUIT BLAMING THE PARENTS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IF WE CAN GET A COPY. STEVE,  
3 WILL YOU GET A COPY OF THAT FROM MS. GALEAS?

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5 **SUSAN GALEAS:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUSTIN WHEELER?

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9 **JUSTIN WHEELER:** YES, SIR. MY NAME IS JUSTIN WHEELER. I'M  
10 ACTUALLY AN ALUMNUS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE  
11 ARTS. I GRADUATED IN 1994 AND I ACTUALLY THIS THE HONOR OF  
12 SHAKING A COUPLE OF YOUR HANDS DURING MY GRADUATION CEREMONY.  
13 THIS SHOULD FEEL VERY FAMILIAR TO YOU. I ACTUALLY SPOKE IN  
14 FRONT OF THIS BODY IN 1994. I WAS A LITTLE PIMPLELY-FACED 16  
15 YEAR OLD KID BUT THIS SHOULD FEEL VERY FAMILIAR. THE ISSUES  
16 THAT WE ARE FACING NOW AT THE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE TEACHERS  
17 AND STUDENTS ARE AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT, THEY HAVE TO SUBMIT  
18 LETTERS ON CAMPUS UNDER A PSEUDONYM BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID  
19 THAT, IF THEY SUBMIT LETTERS UNDER THEIR OWN NAME, THEY'RE  
20 GOING TO BE TERMINATED FROM THE SCHOOL, IF THEY'RE A TEACHER,  
21 OR THEY'RE GOING TO BE PREVENTED FROM WALKING IN GRADUATION,  
22 IF THEY'RE A STUDENT. I FACED THAT SAME THING IN 1994. THE  
23 PROBLEMS WERE THERE THEN. THEY'VE ACCELERATED DRAMATICALLY IN  
24 THE LAST FIVE YEARS AT THE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL. IT'S REALLY A  
25 TRAGEDY WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THAT SCHOOL. THE REASON THE BOARD



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1 OF SUPERVISORS IS HEARING ABOUT THIS TODAY IS BECAUSE WE'VE  
2 TRIED TO GO THROUGH THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. WE'VE TRIED  
3 TO GO THROUGH THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO ADDRESS THIS  
4 ISSUE. WE HAVE SUBMITTED LETTERS REPEATEDLY OVER THE LAST  
5 SEVERAL YEARS, FORMAL LETTERS OF COMPLAINT WHICH HAVE BEEN  
6 SIMPLY IGNORED. WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY  
7 OFFICE OF EDUCATION, PEOPLE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.  
8 WE'VE BEEN STONEWALLED. THEY DO THIS PROCESS EVERY YEAR. EVERY  
9 YEAR THERE'S A NEW CROP OF PARENTS THAT DON'T KNOW WHAT THE  
10 PROBLEMS WERE THE YEAR BEFORE AND THEY JUST BRING THOSE PEOPLE  
11 IN AND KEEP RUNNING THEIR LITTLE GAME. IT SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY  
12 COOL SHOW THAT THEY DO BUT IT'S GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S  
13 RIDICULOUS. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU AND I HAD A PHONE CONVERSATION  
14 IN 1994 AFTER MY GRADUATION. YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER IT.  
15 BUT YOU ASKED ME AT THAT TIME, "I SEE THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS  
16 PROBLEMS AT THIS SCHOOL. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE? WHAT CAN BE  
17 DONE?" AND, AS A 16-YEAR-OLD KID NOT KNOWING A LOT, I SAID,  
18 "HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK LACHSA NEEDS TO BE RE-CHARTERED.  
19 IT SEEMS LIKE THE DIVISION OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION UNDER THE  
20 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION IS NOT WELL EQUIPPED TO MANAGE THIS  
21 SCHOOL. IT'S SIMPLY STRUGGLING TO DO IT. MAYBE IT'S NOT THEIR  
22 AREA OF EXPERTISE. THEY DO A LOT OF JUVENILE DELINQUENT  
23 SCHOOLS AND COURT SCHOOLS. MAYBE THE COUNTY OFFICE OF  
24 EDUCATION CAN ADMINISTRATE IT BUT THE DIVISION OF ALTERNATIVE  
25 EDUCATION IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE FOR IT TO SIT." I DON'T KNOW



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1 THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE BUDGET ISSUES AS TO WHY IT WAS PUT  
2 INTO THAT DIVISION BUT THE SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS THAT RECUR YEAR  
3 AFTER YEAR ARE SIMPLY THE EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE THAT YOU GUYS  
4 SHOULD LOOK AT TO REALIZE THAT THIS PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED  
5 WITHIN L.A.C.O.E. WE'RE ASKING YOU GUYS, FROM THE OUTSIDE, TO  
6 DO WHAT IT IS YOU GUYS NEED TO DO TO SAVE THIS SCHOOL AND  
7 PROTECT IT BECAUSE IT REALLY IS SUFFERING. I HAVE A COUPLE OF  
8 LETTERS THAT I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT. ONE IS FROM THE TREASURER  
9 FROM THE FRIENDS OF ARTS HIGH AND ANOTHER IS AN ARTICLE THAT  
10 WAS PUBLISHED BY A LACHSA TEACHER WHO, IN FEAR OF HIS JOB,  
11 SUBMITTED THIS LETTER ANONYMOUSLY TO A LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TRICIA THAYER. IS THIS  
14 THE LAST OF THE LACHSA TESTIFIERS? THE LAST ONE THAT I HAVE, I  
15 THINK. ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE NEED TO GET THE SUPERINTENDENT  
16 DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO PROPOSE RIGHT  
17 OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD AND I'M RELUCTANT TO SHOOT FROM THE HIP  
18 OR THE LIP BUT I THINK WE OUGHT TO ENGAGE THE SUPERINTENDENT  
19 DIRECTLY ON THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED AND MAYBE NEXT  
20 WEEK HAVE A DISCUSSION. I'LL GIVE HER A CALL MYSELF. I'M SURE  
21 OTHER MEMBERS MAY WANT TO DO THAT. BUT WE'VE HAD-- THIS IS NOT  
22 THE FIRST TIME WE'VE HAD IT HERE AND IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME--  
23 THIS IS NOT THE ONLY VENUE IN WHICH THESE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN  
24 RAISED, AT LEAST WITH ME. SO I JUST THINK WE NEED TO GET IT AT  
25 THE HIGHEST LEVELS. I'M NOT SAYING WHO'S RIGHT AND WHO'S WRONG



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1 BUT IT NEEDS TO GET AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. SO WE'LL WORK ON  
2 THAT. AND, UNLESS ANYBODY ELSE HAS AN ALTERNATIVE IDEA OR A  
3 BETTER IDEA, I THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU  
4 FOR BEING HERE AND FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE SCHOOL. THE  
5 SCHOOL'S ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS STUDENTS AND ITS PARENTS AND ITS  
6 STAFF SO PARENTS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THAT. APPRECIATE  
7 IT. ALL RIGHT. TRICIA THAYER, RHONDA KING AND OLGA RAMIREZ?  
8 TRICIA THAYER?

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10 **TRICIA THAYER:** DO YOU WANT ME TO START?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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14 **TRICIA THAYER:** YEAH, MY NAME IS TRICIA THAYER AND MY ADDRESS  
15 IS 1572 HERBERT AVENUE, NUMBER 6. AM I SUPPOSED TO ADDRESS YOU  
16 GUYS HONORABLE SUPERVISORS BECAUSE I NEVER DO-- SO, ANYWAY, I  
17 HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU AS TO WHETHER OR NOT, REGARDING THE  
18 DEPARTMENT, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU CONDONE THEM ENGAGING IN  
19 CHICANERY AND LYING BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE UP TO. I WON  
20 MY APPEAL BUT I DIDN'T HAVE HOUSING AT THE TIME FOR MY  
21 CHILDREN. I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE HEARD THIS STORY BEFORE BUT  
22 APPARENTLY MICHAEL ANTONOVICH SAYS HE EXPECTS ME. I DON'T KNOW  
23 WHAT THAT MEANS. ARE YOU GOING TO JUST, LIKE, KEEP MY KIDS SO  
24 I CAN KEEP DRAGGING DOWN HERE? BUT, ANYWAY, SO I MADE A DEAL  
25 WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT, WHEN I GOT HOUSING, I WOULD GET MY





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1 KIDS BACK. NOT ONLY THAT BUT THEY WOULD HELP ME WITH HOUSING.  
2 AND I'M ASKING YOU WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE HONORABLE AND DO  
3 THEY HONOR THEIR DEALS? AND SINCE YOU'RE OVER THE DEPARTMENT,  
4 I'D LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEBODY BESIDES THE DEPARTMENT. I DON'T  
5 KNOW WHY I SHOULD TALK TO THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT.  
6 SO, ANYWAY, SO I PLED NO CONTEST TO A NEW PETITION IN  
7 EXCHANGE, IN ADDITION TO WAIVING MY RIGHTS TO AN APPEAL, IN  
8 EXCHANGE FOR HELP, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, WITH HOUSING. I EVEN HEARD  
9 THE WORDS COME OUT OF JUDGE NANCY BROWN'S MOUTH HERSELF THAT,  
10 "OH, YEAH, MAYBE THEY CAN PUT YOU AT THE TOP OF THE SECTION 8  
11 WAITING LIST." BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. AND THEN, RON ROSS, AFTER TWO  
12 MONTHS, YOU KNOW, I CALLED HIM AND IT IS ALL I COULD DO TO  
13 TALK HIM INTO PUTTING ME ON THE WAITING LIST, WHICH I DON'T  
14 EVEN KNOW IF HE DID THAT. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, I WAS LIED TO.  
15 SO NOW I HAVE HOUSING. THE LEAST THE DEPARTMENT COULD DO IS  
16 GIVE ME BACK MY KIDS LIKE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. YOU KNOW,  
17 I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT FOR THREE YEARS AND THAT'S WHAT I TELL MY  
18 CHILDREN. OTHERWISE, THEY'RE LYING TO ME. AND I WANT TO KNOW  
19 IF YOU CONDONE THAT. WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE TO ME AND  
20 OTHER MOTHERS BECAUSE THE SYSTEM DOES NOT HELP MOTHERS IS  
21 CRIMINAL. AND I'LL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT IT AND THEN YOU'LL KNOW,  
22 OTHERWISE I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO INTO IT. BUT I JUST WANT TO  
23 KNOW IF THAT'S WHAT SOCIETY DOES TO MOTHERS IS DO THEY JUST  
24 CAST THEM OUT THERE TO ROT?

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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3    **TRICIA THAYER:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUP. MOLINA'S OFFICE IS  
6    WORKING WITH YOU AND THEY'LL CONTINUE TO DO SO. RHONDA KING?

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8    **RHONDA KING:** GOOD MORNING. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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12   **RHONDA KING:** FIRST OF ALL, I APOLOGIZE FOR BRINGING-- I GUESS  
13   IT'S NOT PERSONAL BECAUSE YOU ARE OVER THE SHERIFF'S  
14   DEPARTMENT. I AM A L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEE. I WORK AT  
15   THE TWIN TOWERS JAIL. I WILL HAVE 26 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY ON  
16   APRIL 20TH. I'VE BEEN WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 22 OF  
17   THOSE YEARS. IN 2001, I FILED A FAIR HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT  
18   COMPLAINT AND LAWSUIT AGAINST A LIEUTENANT WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
19   DEPARTMENT. I WON THAT COMPLAINT. I WAS MOVED FROM WHERE I  
20   WORKED TO CARSON STATION. I WAS HARASSED BY DEPUTIES AT CARSON  
21   STATION. I WAS MOVED BACK TO MEN' CENTRAL JAIL FROM WHERE I  
22   STARTED, HARASSED THERE BY A CIVILIAN SUPERVISOR WHERE I HAD  
23   TO TAKE OFF ON STRESS. MOVED AGAIN AFTER LEAVING, GOING BACK  
24   ON STRESS, 2003, AND THEN COMING BACK, HARASSED AGAIN BY  
25   DEPUTIES AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE



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1 BUREAU OF COMPLIANCE, WHICH OVERSEES THE PROBLEMS OF THE  
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WROTE YOUR BOARD LAST YEAR. OF THE  
3 FIVE SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
4 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WROTE ME BACK AND SAID THAT YOU WOULD HAVE  
5 THEN ROBERT TAYLOR, THE OMBUDSMAN FOR THE COUNTY, LOOK INTO MY  
6 PROBLEM. ROBERT TAYLOR WROTE ME BACK AND SAID HE DID NOT  
7 HANDLE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S PROBLEMS AND REFERRED ME  
8 BACK TO THE BUREAU OF COMPLIANCE, OKAY? IF THE DEPUTY CAN GET-  
9 - THESE ARE THE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE BUREAU OF COMPLIANCE  
10 SAYING THAT THEY WOULD NOT HELP ME. THEY FOUND NO FORMAL  
11 INVESTIGATION, NO CAUSE FOR FORMAL INVESTIGATION. HERE'S THE  
12 FOUR COPIES FOR EACH SUPERVISOR. KNABE'S NOT HERE. I KNOW  
13 KNABE IS NOT HERE, I'M SORRY. AND SO THEY BASICALLY GAVE ME  
14 THE RUNAROUND, THE BUREAU OF COMPLIANCE. I'M SORRY I HAVE TO  
15 TAKE OFF FOUR HOURS FROM MY JOB TODAY TO COME HERE BUT I AM AT  
16 MY WIT'S END. I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE BUREAU OF COMPLIANCE. I  
17 HAVE GONE THROUGH LOCAL 660. LOCAL 660 REPRESENTED-- WANTED TO  
18 REPRESENT ME AND HER SUPERVISOR MADE HER NOT REPRESENT ME ON A  
19 MEETING WITH OUR CAPTAIN, MARCH 21ST. THAT WAS THE SECOND TIME  
20 LOCAL 660 WOULD NOT REPRESENT ME REGARDING MY HARASSMENT AND  
21 \$50 BEING TAKEN OUT OF MY CHECK EVERY DAY. I CANNOT AFFORD TO  
22 LOSE MY JOB. I AM SUPPORTING A SON IN COLLEGE, WHO NEEDS MY  
23 MEDICAL COVERAGE AT LEAST THREE MORE YEARS. I AM THE SOLE  
24 PROVIDER OF MYSELF. I'M A SINGLE WOMAN. I AM BEING TAILED. I  
25 STARTED GETTING TAILED AFTER MY COMPLAINT IN 2002. I GOT



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1 PULLED OVER WITH MY SON IN THE CAR BY THE DEPUTY-- WHEN I  
2 FILED THOSE TWO COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE DEPUTIES AT CARSON  
3 STATION FOR HARASSING ME, I GOT PULLED OVER BY HIS FRIEND WITH  
4 MY SON IN THE CAR SAYING THAT I HAD A WARRANT ON MY ARREST,  
5 FOR MY ARREST AT THAT ADDRESS. THERE WASN'T NO WARRANT FOR MY  
6 ARREST. HE JUST PULLED ME OVER FOR HARASSMENT, OKAY?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I APPRECIATE IT. YOUR TIME IS UP.  
9 BUT, MA'AM, GO AHEAD AND CONCLUDE.

10

11 **RHONDA KING:** TO CONCLUDE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I'M SORRY.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO PROBLEM.

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15 **RHONDA KING:** IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD JUST LIKE-- OKAY, I HAVE  
16 CONTACTED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LEE BACA, I EMAILED HIM  
17 TWO TIMES. HIS COMMANDER, ROBERTA ABNER, SHE'S SUPPOSED TO  
18 HAVE LOOKED INTO THE SITUATION AND I NEVER HEARD FROM HER  
19 AGAIN. THREE WEEKS AGO HIS NEW COMMANDER, TOM LANG, SAID HE  
20 WAS GOING TO CALL ME BACK AND NEVER CALLED ME BACK. I AM BEING  
21 HARASSED AT WORK. I AM BEING TAILED BY LONG BEACH P.D. WHEN I  
22 LEAVE MY HOUSE. THIS IS ALL FOR A COMPLAINT AGAINST LIEUTENANT  
23 AND TWO DEPUTIES AND RECENTLY BEING HIT BY THE ELECTRONIC GATE  
24 IN THE TOWER 2. FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE TOWER 2 GATE.  
25 I'M SORRY TO BRING THIS TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION BUT I'M AT MY



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1 WIT'S END BECAUSE I HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL THE AVENUES THAT I  
2 CAN REGARDING THE SITUATION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, AND HERE'S THE PROBLEM.  
5 YOU'VE GONE TO ALL THE AVENUES AND THEY'VE ALL, I GUESS, SAID  
6 THE SAME THING. THEY HAVEN'T TAKEN UP YOUR CASE.

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8 **RHONDA KING:** YES.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE IN THE  
11 POSITION-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE KNOW THAT YOUR UNION DOESN'T  
12 KNOW, THAT THE OMBUDSMAN DOESN'T KNOW, THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
13 DOESN'T KNOW, I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY TRUST ANY DEPARTMENT IN  
14 THAT SITUATION, BUT THE OTHERS ARE CHARGED WITH THE  
15 RESPONSIBILITY OF BACK STOPPING IT. SO I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW  
16 WHAT WE CAN DO.

17

18 **RHONDA KING:** CAN I MAKE ONE SUGGESTION?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND. SUP. MOLINA  
21 ADVISED ME THAT HER OFFICE AND HER STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING WITH  
22 YOU ON THIS. THE ONLY THING THAT WE COULD DO NOW IS START YOU  
23 RUNNING THROUGH THE SAME THING AGAIN BUT I'M NOT INCLINED TO  
24 SUGGEST THAT WE DO THAT. BOB TAYLOR AS AN OMBUDSMAN RAN A GOOD  
25 SHOP. HE'S GOT A NOSE FOR PROBLEMS. AND I DON'T THINK HE WOULD



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1 HAVE OVERLOOKED THEM. THE UNION, LOCAL 660, IS A VERY  
2 AGGRESSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF ITS EMPLOYEES FROM WHERE I SIT.  
3 SO I CAN'T BE THE JUDGE. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT YOU  
4 SAID HERE TODAY.

5

6 **RHONDA KING:** AND THERE'S THE DOCUMENTATION THAT YOU GUYS BOTH  
7 HAVE-- ALL HAVE. AND LIKE I SAID, AS THE SUPERVISORS OF LEE  
8 BACA, BECAUSE I HAVE CONTACTED HIS OFFICE, HIS UNDERSHERIFF,  
9 HIS COMMANDER.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE NOT THE SUPERVISORS OF LEE  
12 BACA. WE DO NOT SUPERVISE LEE BACA.

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14 **RHONDA KING:** WHO SUPERVISES LEE BACA?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17 ELECT HIM. HE'S AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

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19 **RHONDA KING:** BUT HE ANSWERS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, HE DOES NOT. HE ANSWERS TO THE  
22 ELECTORATE.

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1   **RHONDA KING:** SO, IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CANNOT CONTACT HIS OFFICE  
2   FOR HIS DEPUTIES TO STOP HARASSING ME ON THE JOB AND OFF THE  
3   JOB?

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5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WE CAN CERTAINLY TRY TO DO  
6   THAT BUT I THINK, YOU TOLD ME YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH  
7   WITH HIM DIRECTLY, PERSONALLY.

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9   **RHONDA KING:** AND IT STOPPED FOR ABOUT A MONTH AFTER HE EMAILED  
10   ME BACK AND THEN, LIKE I SAID, I HAD TO CONTACT HIS OFFICE  
11   AGAIN THREE WEEKS AGO.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, I'LL TRY TO GET--  
14   NOT TRY, I WILL GET YOUR PACKAGE FORWARDED TO THEIR  
15   DEPARTMENT, TO HIM AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

16

17   **RHONDA KING:** SIR, I WOULD LIKE A MONITOR ASSIGNED TO ME FROM  
18   THE OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE COUNTY  
19   TO MONITOR MY SITUATION. I FEEL UNSAFE ON MY JOB AND OFF THE  
20   JOB. I'M REQUESTING THAT.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE  
23   AUTHORITY TO DO THAT. CERTAINLY, WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY  
24   TO DO THAT TODAY. BUT, SHARON? OR RAY? EITHER ONE OF YOU?

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1   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE  
2   AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN A MONITOR BUT, IF SHE HAS NOT DONE SO, SHE  
3   COULD PERHAPS FILE A COMPLAINT WITH DENNIS DEFOYA'S OFFICE.

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5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, PERHAPS YOU CAN TALK TO HER  
6   ON THE SIDE AND GIVE HER SOME...

7

8   **SHARON:** WE'LL TALK TO HER.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...AND GIVE HER SOME ADVICE. THANK  
11   YOU. MS. RAMIREZ. OLGA RAMIREZ.

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13   **VOICE OF INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M MRS. OLGA RAMIREZ. I  
14   HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERING FOR SIX YEARS AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.  
15   I AM PART OF THE COALITION OF LOS ANGELES \_\_\_\_\_ FOR  
16   VOLUNTEERS. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'M HERE TO ASK HELP FROM  
17   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM FOR  
18   ABOUT APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AND NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED.  
19   THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUES TO ABUSE LATINOS. IN  
20   THIS REPORT, WE HAVE REPORTED SEXUAL ABUSE. IN THIS REPORT, WE  
21   HAVE REPORTED FRAUD, FEDERAL FRAUD. SHE ASKED ME FOR A REPORT  
22   CONTAINING 33 PAGES, WHICH IS WHAT I HAVE ON HAND, WHICH WAS  
23   ALSO SHARED WITH MARTHA JIMENEZ AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE LATIN  
24   COALITION. IT'S BEEN HARD WORK FOR ONE YEAR. UP TO NOW,  
25   NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED. THE COALITION GROUP HAS WORKED





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1   SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH PAPERS, PROMISES AND MEETINGS FOR A  
2   WHOLE YEAR AND NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED. WE'VE BEEN WORKING  
3   HARD THIS WHOLE YEAR UNDER PROPOSITION 63. WE HAVE HAD  
4   TRAINING, REIMBURSEMENTS, OFFICE, COMPUTERS. WE HAVE BEEN  
5   FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS. IT'S JUST BEEN A VERY HARD JOB FOR  
6   THE WHOLE SIX YEARS INVOLVED AND NOBODY'S TAKING IT INTO  
7   ACCOUNT AND THEY HAVE HAD NO RESPECT FOR THIS COALITION. THIS  
8   GROUP, THIS COALITION IS ONLY ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
9   HEALTH TO LET IT BE INDEPENDENT AND DON'T BE MANIPULATED BY  
10   THEM AND NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT.  
11   AS I EXPLAINED TO YOU, A REPORT HAS BEEN DONE AND THERE'S A  
12   CONTINUATION OF USES AND OUR PAPERWORK HAS BEEN PREPARED AND  
13   UP TO NOW NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED. ALL I'M ASKING IS  
14   SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE JUST WANT TO BE AN  
15   INDEPENDENT COALITION OF AMERICANS. WE CAN GROW AND HELP THE  
16   COMMUNITY.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

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20   **VOICE OF INTERPRETER:** MRS. RAMIREZ, WE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING  
21   SINCE LAST YEAR AND I PROMISE YOU THAT WE WILL FIND AN ANSWER  
22   FOR YOU. YOU RECEIVED SEE A RESPONSE FROM US AND WE KNOW  
23   YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WITH IT. BUT WE ARE WORKING AND WE WILL  
24   CONTINUE TO HELP YOU. IT IS VERY HARD DUE TO THESE  
25   COMPLICATIONS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT I'VE SAID TO HER IS WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH  
3 HER SINCE SHE CAME LAST YEAR. WE OFFERED TO INVESTIGATE ALL OF  
4 HER CLAIMS. WE INVESTIGATED ALL OF THE CLAIMS THROUGH THE  
5 DEPARTMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY AREN'T-- THEY DIDN'T RESULT IN  
6 A RESPONSE THAT SHE THOUGHT SHE WOULD GET. THERE ARE TWO  
7 FACTIONS WITHIN THE COALITION, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
8 HAS STAYED OUT OF ANY REPRESENTING ONE SIDE OVER THE OTHER.  
9 THERE WAS SOME INITIAL CONFLICT. WE PULLED THAT PERSON OUT.  
10 AND NOW THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO FIND SOMEONE TO  
11 MEDIATE THE DIFFERENCES. I DON'T KNOW IF MS. RAMIREZ WILL EVER  
12 BE SATISFIED WITH THAT BUT WE CAN ONLY CONTINUE TO OFFER MORE  
13 HELP. (SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

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15 **VOICE OF INTERPRETER:** THANKS FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THERE'S NO OTHER PEOPLE  
18 WHO WANT TO BE HEARD, WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
21 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
22 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE  
23 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO  
24 LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK  
25 YOU.



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1       REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 10, 2007

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5       CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6       (Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

7       Significant exposure to litigation (one case)

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9       No reportable action was taken and the item was continued one  
10      week to April 17, 2007.

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12      CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

13      (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

14      Initiation of litigation (one case)

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16      In Open Session, the Board continued this item one week to  
17      April 17, 2007.

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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as  
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11 Supervisors as certified by me.

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13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
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